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—Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota)



# Senators likely to kill pot bill

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At least five of nine senators are lukewarm to the idea of legalizing marijuana use for medicinal and recreational purposes in the CNMI. This may seal the fate of a bill allowing marijuana use that the House passed on Wednesday.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said yesterday that he does not support the bill.

"I don't want to put our children at risk. Our children are not for sale because in a way, this bill wants to generate revenue. I think that the message is clear," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan)

House Bill 17-45 passed the House on Wednesday on a 10-7 vote, with one abstention.

Torres' bill seeks to legalize, regulate and tax marijuana use for medicinal and other purposes in the CNMI, adding to a list of revenue-generating bills pending in the 17th Legislature.

Manglona called on House members  
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## CAREER DAY

Sgt. Maj. Yong Fox, front-left, the detachment commander of the U.S. Army-Guam Recruiting Detachment, and U.S. Army recruiter Staff Sgt. Clint Robert T. Castro talk to students yesterday at Grace Christian Academy on Navy Hill during the school's Fourth Annual Career Day with the theme, "My Future, My Mission."

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## 7 govt offices now required to give free notary services

» **Services can be availed of in NMI, Guam, Hawaii, Washington, D.C.**

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Hundreds of CNMI students and residents on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and in Guam, Hawaii and Washington, D.C. will now be able to avail of "free" notary public services from seven government offices.

These offices include the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board, the CNMI Scholarship Office, the Marianas Hawaii Liaison Office, the CNMI Liaison Office in Guam, the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Office, the Office of the Tinian and Aguiangan Municipal Scholarship Board, and the Office of the CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives both on Saipan and

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## Close encounter with comet is beamed in

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PASADENA, California (AP)—A NASA spacecraft survived a rendezvous with a small comet Thursday, beaming pictures back to Earth that gave scientists a rare close-up view of its center.

Mission controllers burst into applause upon seeing images from the flyby that revealed a peanut-shaped comet belch-

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This black-and-white image of the comet Hartley 2 provided by NASA was sent from the NASA EPOXI Mission Deep Impact spacecraft, which passed within 435 miles (700 kilometers) of the comet at its closest point, and was received at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. The comet is estimated to be 1.4 miles (2.2 kilometers) long, and weigh about 280 million metric tons.

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# Local

**DUE TO GOVT SHUTDOWN, ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES**

## Borrowers urge Fund to defer loan payments, seek other options

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A significant number of bor-

rowers of the NMI Retirement Fund's home loan program have asked for a deferment of their debts and other payment

options.

The borrowers cited the recent government shutdown and work-hour reduction being en-

forced by the Fitial administration as reasons for their request.

As of last week, five borrowers have already sent in their re-

quests for a deferment on their loans, according to Fund administrator Richard Villagomez.

"There's a significant number who requested...and we're expecting this to go up in the next few weeks," he said during a recent board of trustees meeting.

Home loan program rules do not allow any deferment, reduction of payment, or other options. In order to assist affected borrowers, the program's regulations need to be amended.

Board chair Sixto Igisomar believes, however, that there's a need to consider the "requests" due to the declining economy.

"Everybody is facing a hard time...and I think we should come up with an 'option' to assist our borrowers at this critical time," he said at the meeting.

Igisomar admitted receiving several calls from concerned borrowers, pleading for the board's consideration.

The board instructed the Fund administrator to come up with a plan by the end of the month for board action.

Last July the board approved the implementation of a home loan program and set aside a \$1-million revolving fund for loans to generate additional revenues for the agency.

Interest from these loans will be used to pay the Fund's other obligations to help minimize drawdowns from the investment fund.

The program provides for a short-term loan payment schedule ranging from six months to one year.

The Fund currently has four local investments, which help realize some revenues for its operational costs. These include the Commonwealth Employee Government Credit Union, Member Home Loan Program, the Judicial Building loan, and the Group Health and Life Insurance.

## Kaipat, Teregeyo, Sambilay are top KagHS employees

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In celebration of Education Month, Kagman High School is honoring employees Josepha Kaipat, Gina Sambilay, and Jason Teregeyo with the highest honor bestowed among their peers.

Adjudged as the school's teacher of the year for 2010 is Josepha Kaipat, who serves as an inspiration to every student that walks in her door.

In her four years as a teacher, Kaipat has broken many of the bounds of cultural expectations. She is described as a highly educated, highly motivated, and successful Carolinian woman. She makes learning fun and accessible to every person who walks into the classroom.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Kaipat doesn't just expand students' knowledge in academic ways; she also encourages cultural growth as well. As the Rafalawash Community Club



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The three outstanding employees of Kagman High School. From left, support staff of the year awardee Gina Sambilay, teacher of the year nominee Josepha Kaipat, and teacher aide of the year recipient Jason Teregeyo.

adviser, Kaipat has trained and taught kids about traditional dances, cultural expectations, customs, and many more.

Her colleagues describe her as an irreplaceable teacher, an outspoken advocate, and an inspiring mentor for all who cross paths with her. She, they said, is more than an asset to the school and her drive for bettering herself through education has touched many lives at KagHS and inspires students on a daily basis.

Selected as the school's teacher aide of the year is Jason Teregeyo, who has worked for KagHS for four years. The school said Teregeyo's importance is the unique skills he possesses and uses to aid students with special needs.

Teregeyo is blind. He lost his sight in an accident as a young adult, but he never lost his love of learning. He continued his education despite his disability. He began his journey with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation so he could go to the Ho'opono Center for the Blind in Honolulu, Hawaii. While there, he enrolled at Kapiolani Community College, where he earned his associate degree. He then went halfway across the

world to Syracuse, New York, where he got more training. His current goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Teregeyo's unique life experiences give him insight into the life of students he works with. Having Teregeyo as a teacher and mentor has given the students motivation that they too will someday live an independent life. He serves as an inspiration to all students on campus and in the community.

Gina Sambilay was adjudged the school's support staff of the year for her positive attitude at work. Her enthusiasm and her genuine concern for the library and its programs are exemplary, according to her colleagues. She is a member of the Joeten Kiyu Public Library team and is eager to make the KagHS library a top-notch library for the students. In addition to her duties as librarian, she also maintains accurate records of the school's inventory and tracks students who have obligations with very detailed records.



### CHAMBER GUEST

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House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) addresses the Saipan Chamber of Commerce members at the Hyatt Regency's Sandcastle on Wednesday. Basa, the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members, said he won't support any bill raising taxes and fees without thorough study of their impact on businesses and the government.

## PAWS sets photo-for-calendar contest

PAWS is holding a Saipan Animal Photo Contest from Nov. 8 to 22, 2010.

The contest requires only that:

- a submission be sent via email in .jpeg format;
- the picture be of a family pet on Saipan;
- the owner's name be included in the email; and
- there are no copyrights or restrictions for the reprinting of

the photo.

All photo submissions will be uploaded to the PAWS Saipan Facebook page, and anyone interested is requested to vote for their favorite photo through the "like" option for Facebook pictures.

On Nov. 23, 2010, the top 12 photos will be determined after voting, and then used in a 2011 PAWS Calendar.

Those who submitted the

winning 12 pictures will receive a free calendar as a prize, and the remaining calendars will be sold at several different locations, with proceeds going to PAWS.

If interested in participating, send your name and picture in an email to pawssaipancalendar@gmail.com before Nov. 22, 2010, and don't forget to vote for your favorite picture on Facebook! (**PAWS**)

## Man gets 14-day sentence for marijuana possession

Even as the House of Representatives passed on Wednesday a bill that would legalize marijuana in the CNMI, a man caught in possession of the illegal weed was sentenced to 14 days in prison.

Superior Court presiding judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced David Borja Roberto to six months in prison, all suspended except for 14 days for possession of a controlled substance.

The 46-year-old Roberto was given credit for the one day he had already served in detention.

He was ordered to report to the Department of Corrections to serve the first seven days of his sentence on Nov. 14, 2010. He will then report to Corrections on Dec. 5, 2010, to serve the remaining six days.

After serving his sentenced,

Roberto will be placed on five and one-half months probation.

Roberto was also directed to pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$45 probation fee, plus 50 hours of community work service.

Roberto pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea bargain. He was represented by chief public defender Adam Hardwicke.

Authorities arrested Roberto on Sept. 9 for allegedly cultivating marijuana plants in a farm in As Lito.

Detective Sean White had testified in court that they had obtained information from a tipster that Roberto was cultivating marijuana plants. White said they recovered several marijuana plants worth \$2,000 to \$4,000. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

## Notorious burglar gets 2 years in prison

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos handed down yesterday a two-year prison sentence on a man who was involved in at least three burglary incidents on Saipan.

After serving his sentence, Julian M. Sablan will be placed on probation and required to perform community work service.

Inos ordered the 22-year-old Sablan to pay Si Young Yi \$7,142.94 in restitution; \$540 to Seung H. Hwang, and a separate restitution to the Internet café he had robbed, the amount of which will be set by the court.

The judge also ordered him to pay a court assessment fee, fine,

and probation fee.

Sablan pleaded guilty as part of a plea bargain. He pleaded guilty to burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary in the first case; theft in the second case; and burglary and theft in the third case.

Sablan and counsel, Loren Sutton, signed the plea agreement with assistant attorney general Eli Golob.

The agreement stated that on Nov. 9, 2009, Sablan stole two bottles of perfume and a black Sting Ray purse from Seung H. Wang, owner of En Cool Phone Shop.

On Sept. 10, 2009, Sablan

and Terrence C. Cabrera conspired to burglarize the Internet café located in San Antonio Afetnas. Police said five computer monitors and three computer modems were stolen from the Internet café.

On June 1, 2010, Sablan burglarized the Twins Supermarket in Puerto Rico and stole \$7,142.94 in cash, 138 cartons of assorted cigarettes, six bottles of assorted liquors, and various prepaid phone cards.

Sablan was convicted in June 2009 for his involvement in many burglary cases on Saipan, including one at Victory Chapel. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)



# Bill exempting CUC from OPA contribution heads to Fitial

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A bill seeking to exempt the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from the mandatory contribution to the Office of the Public Auditor of an amount equivalent to 1 percent of CUC's budget is now on its way to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's desk.

Senate Bill 17-44, which passed the House of Representatives on Wednesday, has the full support of CUC.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota)

said in his bill that exempting CUC from the 1-percent contribution to OPA's special account will prevent CUC from increasing its rates and passing these rate increases to consumers.

Lawmakers, in passing the bill, said residents won't be able to shoulder any more costs given the government's 16-hour work cut and the general state of the economy.



Ayuyu

Ayuyu said in his bill that CUC passes along the consumer's charges for the volatility of fuel and the fees associated with regulatory and technical support.

"It is inappropriate for the managers of CUC, who have expertise in purchasing fuel and hedging against fuel volatility, to hold consumers liable, who hold no such expertise, for a failure to manage these risks. Finally,

CUC receives 702 funds which cover the hiring of consultants for regulatory and technical issues, making it unfair to pass along these charges to consumers," Ayuyu said in his bill.

But OPA has been opposed to such exemptions from the 1 percent mandatory monthly fee to OPA.

OPA said the percentage is mandated by 1 CMC 7831(b), which requires executive directors of all public corporations and autonomous agencies of the Commonwealth to pay OPA an amount no less than 1 percent of their total operations budget from sources other than legislative ap-

propriations or pursuant to any other formula agreed upon the OPA and the agency.

It said the 1 percent OPA funding is a law that ensures that the funding of OPA will be independent of other entities, which in turn will support the independence of OPA in performing its duties.

## GCA holds 4th Annual Career Day



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Mark E. Birmingham, system manager-CNMI of Marianas Cable Vision Broadband and director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, was among those who set up a booth at the Grace Christian Academy's 4th Annual Career Day yesterday.

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Nearly a hundred high school students and human resources staff from the public and private sector took part in Grace Christian Academy's 4th Annual Career Day yesterday.

This year's theme was "My Future, My Mission," and head teacher Susan Pajarillaga said 83 students from 9th to 12th grade learned about available career options they may have after high school.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that about 80 percent of GCA graduates pursue college education here and abroad each year; at least 5 percent show interest in a military career; the rest seek immediately join the work force after graduating.

Pajarillaga, along with vice principal Beth Ann Nuñez, coordinated the one-day career fair to highlight career opportunities for their graduating students.

"We're preparing our students to the outside world after their high school. What we are presenting are the many educational opportunities that await them after they graduate from high school," said Pajarillaga.

The event will serve as a guide to students on selecting the career they want to pursue in the future, she added.

Nuñez said that exposing the students to events like this will help them decide for their future.

Seven government agencies and private sector companies participated in the fair, includ-



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Police Officer 1 Nathan Bermudes, left, supervisor of the Department of Public Safety's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, and Police Officer 2 Nick Leon Guerrero, right, coordinator of the Enforcing Underage Drinking Law, man the booth of the DPS DARE Program at the 4th Annual Career Day at Grace Christian Academy on Navy Hill yesterday.

ing the Department of Public Health, Fire Department, DPS' Crime Prevention, Community Guidance Center, U.S. Transportation Security Administration, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Marianas Cable Vision. After each presentation, students were allowed to check each booth's display and talked with their representatives.

Becky Robles, from the DPH's Community Guidance Center, talked about the department's function and mission as well as health programs and initiatives. Each group's representatives, including Sgt. Joe Saurez of Crime Prevention, Bertha Camacho of DPH, and Mark Birmingham of MCV, also talked about their respective agencies.

Eleventh-grader Micah Cabrera lauded the school's effort

in holding the activity each year for upper graders. "This is really a good idea because it gives us important information that can help us decide for our future. It's a great opportunity to learn."

It was the third time for Cabrera to attend the career fair. Each year, she is exposed to more and more types of careers, she said.

"I am not sure at this time what career I want to pursue after high school...but I am thinking now of going into business," she said.

Twelfth-grader Kamille De Leon seemed decided about her plans. "I think my calling is in the medical field. I want to be a nurse. Seeing the presentations from Public Health, it only reaffirmed what I really want to become someday," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

## Patient sues PMC, 2 doctors for alleged medication error

A patient is suing the Pacific Medical Center Inc. and two of its doctors for allegedly prescribing him with ibuprofen despite being aware of his aspirin allergy.

As a result of taking the medication, Martin Dueñas said he was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room after his skin began to itch, he broke out his hives, and began to have difficulty breathing.

Dueñas is now suing PMC Inc., and doctors Fahd Al-Alou and Ahmad Al-Alou in the Superior Court for alleged negligence.

Dr. Ahmad Al-Alou is an employee of PMC and the chief and supervisory physician at PMC. Dr. Fahd Al-Alou is an employee of PMC, according to the complaint.

Dueñas' wife, Eleornita Santos, joined in the lawsuit for loss of consortium. They are seeking unspecified damages and want a jury trial.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to obtain comments from doctors Ahmad Al-Alou and Fahd Alou yesterday but a staff at PMC said the two were busy.

They have not called back as of press time.

Dueñas' lawyer, William M. Fitzgerald, stated in the complaint that his client had gone to PMC on Sept. 29, 2008, to seek medical advice and treatment for a painful right elbow.

At the clinic, Dueñas was referred to a nurse who recorded his vital signs and took his medical history. The nurse asked Dueñas if he had any allergies, and he replied that he was allergic to aspirin. The nurse recorded this on the form titled "History and Physical," Fitzgerald said.

Dr. Fahd Al-Alou then examined Dueñas and, despite being aware that the patient had aspirin allergy, issued a prescription for 600 mg tablets of ibuprofen, Fitzgerald said.

The lawyer said that Dueñas took his first tablet on Oct. 9, 2008, and, within an hour, Dueñas' skin began to itch, he broke out his hives, and he began to have difficulty breathing.

Dueñas and his wife immediately went to CHC's emergency room where Dueñas was given various drugs and subjected to procedures

to assist his breathing and to counteract the effects of the ibuprofen.

Fitzgerald said CHC doctors advised Dueñas to immediately stop taking the ibuprofen and, in fact, to throw it away.

After four hours of treatment at CHC, Dueñas went home but had to return on Oct. 11, 2010, because of difficulty breathing and swelling of his extremities. Fitzgerald said that Dueñas was then admitted to CHC.

Duenas remained at CHC for four days undergoing treatment for the reaction to the ibuprofen.

Following his discharge, Fitzgerald said, Duenas continued to suffer from fatigue, itchy skin, and difficulty breathing and has been unable to engage in gainful employment or to take care of his household responsibilities.

Fitzgerald said due to Dueñas injuries, Santos has suffered great mental anguish by being forced to witness the suffering endured by her husband.

The lawyer said Santos' "own nerves and health have been seriously and permanently shocked, weakened and impaired." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### ANA grant recipient in today's Marianas Agupa

Marianas Agupa will feature Manuel F. Borja, executive director for Inetnon Amot yan Kutturán Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faliuw, a CNMI non-profit organization, during today's show.

The show is from 10am to 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. Topic of discussion will be on the establishment of Chamorro and Carolinian Village Cultural Centers that was funded by the Administration for Native Americans.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: World report by former mayor Joseph S. Inos followed by special report from former representative Tina Sablan, Saipan correspondent and commentator.

The talk show airs every Saturday between 9am and 11am.

Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator, former Senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via [www.magic100radio.com](http://www.magic100radio.com) will be available. (*PR*)

### Pitbull association sets meeting today

The Marianas Pitbull Association will hold its monthly General Membership Meeting today, Nov. 6, 2010, at the Garapan Central Park.

Please try to make it, we have a lot of official and important information in regards to the club. We will also have the membership forms for members to fill out.

The MPBA officers are Vin Sablan, president; Pete Sablan, vice president; Edong Elenzano, secretary; Carol

Fleming, treasurer; Norman del Rosario, PR and marketing; and Gordon "Figo" Salas, board member. (*PR*)

### Navy to conduct training on Warning Area-517

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The Navy will conduct training on Warning Area-517 on Nov. 9 from 8am to 5pm.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and date indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (*USN*)



# Vanuatu business climate tops Pacific region

» Many Pacific countries moved higher in world rankings

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (Radio Australia/PIR)—Vanuatu is the top Pacific Island business nation in this

year's World Bank 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings.

Jemima Garrett reports Vanuatu came in at 60th of the 183 countries ranked.

This put it just ahead of Samoa and Fiji.

The 'Doing Business' report mea-

sures how easy it is to start and operate a business and negotiate government rules and regulations.

The World Bank group's Jonathon Kirkby says this year's report saw Pacific countries improve access to credit and make it easier to enforce contracts, pay taxes and register property.



## EDUCATION MONTH

Board of Education chair Lucia Blanco-Maratita, seated center, applauds with other educators and spectators after the reading of a proclamation declaring Nov. 24 Education Day and November 2010 Education Month, in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill on Nov. 1, 2010. At left is press secretary Angel Demapan.

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## COMET

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ing jets of poisonous gases.

"It's hyperactive, small and feisty," said mission scientist Don Yeomans of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The close encounter occurred 13 million miles (21 million kilometers) away from Earth when the Deep Impact craft, hurtling through space, flew within 435 miles (700 kilometers) of comet Hartley 2. It's the fifth time that a

comet's core has been viewed up close.

Scientists are interested in comets because they're icy leftovers from the formation of the solar system about 4.5 billion years ago. Studying them could provide clues to how Earth and the planets formed and evolved.

The flyby is actually an encore mission for Deep Impact. It set off cosmic fireworks on July 4, 2005, when it fired a copper probe that crashed into comet Tempel 1. The high-speed collision spewed a cloud of debris into space, giving scientists their first peek of the

interior.

After the \$333 million comet-buster, NASA recycled Deep Impact for a new mission to visit another comet. It was supposed to target comet Boethin in 2008, but it was nowhere to be found. Scientists theorized the comet may have broken up into small pieces.

Deep Impact was then redirected to Hartley 2. Roughly 1½ miles (3 kilometers) wide, Hartley 2 is the smallest comet to be photographed up close. On its way there, the craft spent several months scanning a cluster of nearby

stars with known planets circling them.

While its latest task lacks the Hollywood drama of the Tempel 1 crash, researchers still consider it an important mission. Unlike in 2005, viewers could not see Thursday's comet encounter in real time since the craft's antenna was not pointed at Earth as it flew past Hartley 2.

"There are a lot of open questions about comets and their life cycle," said project manager Tim Larson of JPL, which manages the \$42 million encore mission. "We have so little data that every time we have an opportunity to go near a comet, it's a chance to expand our knowledge."

Since September, Deep Impact has been stalking Hartley 2 like a paparazzo, taking images every 5 minutes and gathering data. It's the first craft to visit two comets.

Kirkby says the reforms are helping increase job opportunities and economic growth.

Over the past five years, Fiji is the only country in which it has become harder to do business.

## American Samoa voters reject charter changes

**PAGO PAGO, American Samoa**, (Samoa News/PIR)—Voters in the territory overwhelmingly rejected revisions to the 1967 Revised Constitution of American Samoa, which means all amendments approved at the 2010 Constitutional Convention were voted down, despite a call from many traditional leaders for a "yes" vote.

From the total number of ballots cast (10,917), the "yes" votes received 3,257, or 29.8 percent and "no" garnered 7,660, or 70.2 percent, according to unofficial results.

The "no" vote came out on top in each of the 17 districts as well as on the absentee ballots counted at the Election Office.

There was strong criticism over the way the amendments were put to voters with only a one-question ballot answering "yes" or "no" to pass or reject them in total.

While there was little public campaigning to defeat the referendum, Samoa News received reports that the "coconut wireless" worked overtime reaching out to families and others to vote "no." Samoa News also learned of strong campaigning in Tualautau county,

the most populous county in the territory, where reportedly there was a concerted effort to defeat the referendum ballot.

According to the results, 1,024 Tualautau voters cast a "no" vote for the referendum, while only 415 voted "yes".

The only visible public campaigning against the referendum was a wave held two weeks ago in Utulei and in the few days leading up to the general election, a group called the Tafuna Residents Association Inc. put out a paid advertisement urging voters to reject the ballot.

"The amendments drafted and passed for approval at the Convention should have been separated, item by item and placed individually on the ballot (some are good, some are bad), they weren't," said the group's ad, which echoed what many local residents said should have been done in the first place.

In the lead-up to the election, Chief Election Office Soliai Tuipine told lawmakers that after consulting with government attorneys and some other attorneys, it was found that it is appropriate to put out the amendments as one question.

The flyby images add to scientists' cometary photo album, said astronomer David Jewitt of the University of California, Los Angeles, who had no role in the project.

"We're visual animals and nothing seems wholly real to us until we have a nice picture of it," Jewitt said.

Hartley 2 passed within 11 million miles (18 million kilometers) of Earth on Oct. 20—the closest it has been to our planet since its discovery in 1986.

British-born astronomer Malcolm Hartley, who discovered the comet, said he never imagined a spacecraft would get so close to his namesake find.

"When I saw the comet, it was millions and millions of kilometers away," he said. "I'm extremely excited and feel very privileged. After all, I only discovered it."

## SENATORS

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to instead work with the Senate's ad-hoc Committee on Tax Policy and Enforcement Review "on exploring ways to effectively enforce tax laws and generate revenue" that is not related to marijuana use.

"Before we could even get to the idea of marijuana legalization, let's exhaust the first 99 ideas to generate revenue. ... I cannot speak for the other senators on what they want to do with the bill but I personally do not support the bill," he said.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), in a separate phone interview, said he does not support the marijuana legalization measure for three major reasons.

"First, I am a retired police officer. I spent 20 years as a police officer and it is not right for me to support this kind of legalization," he said.

Second, Cruz said there is no guarantee that passing this bill will generate needed revenue for the government.

Third, it will put at risk the millions of dollars in federal funds that the CNMI is "guaranteed" to lose, he said, citing the federal funds received by the Department of Public Health, the Criminal Justice Planning Agency and the Public School System, among other agencies.

"I'm not going to support a bill that cannot guarantee revenue. I am also not going to support a bill that will let the CNMI lose millions in funds that are guaranteed to come our way every year," he said.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) said she believes the risks are greater than the benefits that could be derived from legalizing marijuana in the CNMI.

"If they're saying this bill will generate revenue for the CNMI, how much? Where is the study, where is the statistics to support that? What I know for sure is that DPL alone may lose \$10 million in federal funds if we legalize marijuana use here," she said in a phone interview.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the question should be put before CNMI voters through a legislative or popular initiative.

"Let the majority decide. Personally, I am not in support of it," he said.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), who is currently off island, said in a text message that he could not fully comment on the merits of the bill until he reads the measure.

"But the comments made by the secretary of CHC [Commonwealth Health Center] are too critical to overlook. We can't afford to jeopardize the well-being of CHC, especially now," he said.

Four other senators could not be

reached for comment yesterday, including Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian), Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan).

The Senate may hold a session on Nov. 16, but there's no telling as of yesterday whether the marijuana bill would be on the agenda.

The bill allows people at least 21 years old to "possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use."

It also permits the regulation and taxation of the commercial production and sale of marijuana to people at least 21 years old, but prohibits possession of marijuana on school grounds and prohibits its use in the presence of minors.

The House Committee on Natural Resources said the enactment of the bill into law "will possibly result in the loss of federal funds but at the same time the Commonwealth government will generate funds through taxation."

But Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, in a written testimony, earlier said the CNMI Department of Public Health may lose over \$10 million in federal grants should the marijuana legalization bill becomes law.

Under federal law, marijuana remains a Schedule I drug and is illegal to use and possess.

## NOTARY

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in Washington, D.C.

This is a result of a new law that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed.

House Floor Leader George Camacho's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 17-37, House Draft 1, Senate Substitute 1 is now Public Law 17-24.

Camacho said yesterday he's thankful for the governor and the members of the House and Senate for the passage and enactment into law of the law, co-authored by Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota).

"The services provided will be tremendously beneficial to the residents of the CNMI, especially to our students studying abroad," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fitial noted that this measure will assist CNMI residents with expeditious and efficient notary services primarily for scholarship matters and medical matters.

"However, while I approve of this

measure, I take note that the Office of the CNMI Delegate in Washington, D.C. is not within the local government's jurisdiction. Therefore, while 3327 (g) is not enforceable, the delegate's office is hereby requested to provide for a notary public both in the D.C. office and the local office," Fitial said in his Oct. 25 letter to House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota).

Under the new law, these seven offices are required to ensure that at least one of their employees is a certified notary public to provide such notary services "free of charge to residents of the CNMI."

Camacho and Santos's bill amends 4 CMC Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 2, by adding a new 3327 to require certain CNMI offices to provide notary public services.

The lawmakers said there are instances where CNMI residents abroad are burdened with seeking out notary publics and the costs associated with notarizing their documents for schools and other matters.



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### EDITORIAL

## They sprout like weeds

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**T**hat a plot to send bombs disguised as parcels aboard U.S.-bound jetliners was foiled may be grounds for some celebration. But not much.

At least no lives were lost. But what the plot revealed about the uniting of al-Qaeda factions in Yemen and Saudi Arabia is disturbing, and raises further questions about the fight in Afghanistan.

The head of Saudi intelligence, Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, alerted U.S. officials last week after finding out about the plot from a Saudi militant, Jabir al-Fayfi, who ended up in Yemen after being freed from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay in 2007.

After supposedly undergoing rehabilitation in Saudi Arabia, Fayfi joined a Saudi/Yemeni group called al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, whose members include former Guantanamo prisoners. It's unclear whether Fayfi was acting as a double agent.

The Saudis are very concerned about the spread of al-Qaeda into their country. Several terrorist chiefs in Yemen are said to be Saudis, including Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, an explosives expert who is thought to have equipped failed Nigerian underwear bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab.

Yemen, the poorest Arab nation, is attractive to terrorist organizations. Its government is not very strong. In fact, like Afghanistan's, it has little control over large areas of rural landscape populated by various autonomous tribes. A cease-fire earlier this year ended a civil war that broke out over tribal issues in 2004.

The U.S. response to the parcel-bomb plot has been measured. Transportation Security Administration head John Pistole said security experts were dispatched to provide training and equipment, and to assist the Yemenis with airplane-cargo screening.

Germany, Britain, and France took the more drastic step of halting all cargo shipments from Yemen. The British defense chief, Gen. Sir David Richards, admitted Yemen's situation might lead to a reevaluation of the Afghanistan war. He added that efforts must remain concentrated on Afghanistan to prevent it from becoming a "second Yemen," which sounds somewhat odd.

One would think Richards meant that the other way around. But the general explained that while al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan have been kept busy trying to stay alive, the terrorists in Yemen have been free to plan "how to attack us."

Richards' comments illustrate the fallacy in thinking terrorism can be defeated by concentrating military efforts in any single region of the world. The terrorists will simply find another base.

Even as Yemen draws attention, lawless Somalia offers sanctuary to al-Qaeda, pirates, or any other lowlife needing a home. Add to those threats terrorists grown here and in Europe.

Fortunately, efforts since 9/11 to strike the United States have been thwarted. But we know Afghanistan is but one place from which future terrorist attacks may be launched.

President Obama must keep that in mind in calculating whether to stick with his timetable to begin withdrawing U.S. forces from Afghanistan by next year.



## You can't judge a war by the atrocities committed fighting it

By JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**M**ost Americans regard World War II as a "just war" because the United States helped stem the vicious tide of global fascism. But during that war, American soldiers dismembered Japanese corpses and collected their body parts as souvenirs.

A contradiction? Not really. You can commit war crimes on behalf of a just war just as easily as an unjust one.

But you wouldn't know that by reading comments about five U.S. soldiers accused of civilian murders this year in Afghanistan.

According to news reports, the soldiers also cut off fingers from corpses and posed in photographs with them. When the Army announced in October that it would court-martial one of the soldiers, Spc. Jeremy Morlock, reaction from antiwar activists was quick and predictable: The war was a mistake all along, and our military crimes prove it.

Meanwhile, Army officials moved to keep photographs of the atrocities out of the public eye. If the photos go viral, officials say, people around the world will turn against America's struggle in Afghanistan.

Just like the antiwar crowd, ironically, the Army is assuming that war crimes will become a metaphor for the war itself.

They're both wrong. The soldiers' alleged acts are horrible, of course, and the military should prosecute the charges to the fullest. But these crimes don't speak to the larger purpose and validity of the war in Afghanistan, any more than American atrocities during WW II reflected on the justice of our campaign against the Japanese.

Let's leave aside the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which the U.S. justified as a way to prevent further carnage. On the battlefield, American soldiers routinely killed Japanese civilians and mutilated Japanese bodies. Yes, our enemies committed all kinds of atrocities during the war. But so did we.

Americans collected bones, scalps and skulls from the Japanese dead or near-dead. None of this was a secret either. In 1944, Life magazine published a full-page photograph of an attractive young woman posing with a Japanese skull. "Arizona war worker writes her Navy boyfriend a thank-you note for the Jap skull he sent her," the caption declared.

But skulls were difficult to carry and — especially — to prepare: Soldiers first had to remove the flesh from the severed head, either by boiling the head or by leaving it out for ants to eat. So they preferred to collect ears, which were tidy and small.

"The other night Stanley emptied his pockets of 'souvenirs' — eleven ears from dead Japs," read a 1943 article in a Marine

newspaper. "It was not disgusting, as it would be from the civilian point of view."

Actually, most civilians seemed fine with the practice. That same year, a Baltimore newspaper reported that a local mother had asked authorities to allow her son to send her an ear he had cut off a Japanese soldier. She wanted to nail it to her door, she said, so everyone could see it.

Most of all, some American servicemen collected gold teeth. One Marine boasted of collecting 17 teeth, the last from a Japanese soldier who was still moving his hands. Another Marine slit a wounded Japanese's cheeks open and carved out his teeth with a knife while the victim thrashed on the ground.

Although some Americans did object to these atrocities at the time, it would be much later before WW II veterans expressed regret for them. In a 1981 memoir, American biologist E.B. Sledge recalled watching American soldiers cut off a hand from a dead Japanese, urinate into the mouth of another corpse and shoot an old woman who was "just an old gook," as one of Sledge's comrades told him. "The fierce struggle for survival eroded the veneer of civilization and made savages of us all," Sledge wrote.

Significantly, though, Sledge continued to believe in the larger purpose of the war. The Japanese had attacked the United States and conquered much of East Asia, and they had to be stopped. Some U.S. military men had committed monstrous acts, to be sure, but America's larger military cause remained just.

Is the cause in Afghanistan also just? I really don't know. But here's what I do know: The alleged crimes committed by Morlock and his platoon don't speak to the answer. Atrocities happen in almost every war, just and unjust alike. So it's far too simple — and a bit dishonest — to claim that the crimes of this war make the war itself criminal.

But it's also dishonest for military officials to keep hiding the photographs of the atrocities, which should be released as soon as possible. If the war is just, it remains so regardless of what these soldiers did; and if it isn't, we should pull up stakes and come home.

The photos will also remind us how far we've come since WW II, as a people and as a nation. Back then, most Americans accepted or even celebrated wartime mutilations; today, we're mortified by them. But we shouldn't let the atrocities color our overall view of the war, no matter how hard it is to look at them. That's the easy way out.

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## Dong Bei Trek 3: Yanji Gong Yuen

**Y**anji Gong Yuen (AMP on Saipan is called *Meiguo Gong Yuen*) is one of Yanbian's noted Green Parks nestled in the middle of the capital city, in the same way as Central Park is to Manhattan. Bounded by a water course (it appears that most cities have either a river or a stream at its center around which the settlement grew, and then converted into a water course that served first as repository of sewage effluent, and now, being treated as recreational and aesthetic asset), looms a pagoda up the hill and a cross spire by the river. The symbology is unmistakably *Immanuel* in our symbology of awe's presence.

But before leaving the famed Changbaishan range where our attempt to scale the Baitou caldera will have to wait for a warmer clime, we might note our brief stopover in Fusong. We have heard of the name before but could not place it in our mind until we recognized it again at the local herb shop near the rail station in Yanji. Fusong is famous for three things the Yanbian is known for: ginseng, ground antlers, and wildlife pelts. The ginseng is high on vitamin E and is a vitality pill to the Koreans. Ground antlers, harvested at the end of two years when the bone is still tender, is an herbal Viagra without side effects. The pelts, particularly of the Siberian tiger, is a favored winter garb, particularly of the currently stillettoed ladies of the realm.

It is just as well that we did not know this when we mistakenly ended up in the city as the end of the line of the bus we took to Erdao Baihe, the city near the Baitou caldera. We might have lingered longer and added weight to our backpack, at least to stock up on the vitality and sexual prowess pills. Not having anyone who might be immediate recipient of such added liveliness, we stuck to our "shao-lin" type monastic modesty.

It was thus the shadow of the pagoda and the bold presence of the five-storeyed church structure, the latter like a southern town's corner Baptist Church on Elm and Main Streets, that caught our fancy. It appears that Protestant churches is a mainstay of many Korean settlements, as migrants return from their stints in South Korea, not unlike Eucon's Christian Wei's program of continuing House Church workers in China from garment factory workers who had served and converted on Saipan.

The shadow of the towering cross did strike us as an anomaly in this non-theistic society until we realize that the surviving Catholic tradition continues with the blessings of Beijing for as long as ecclesiastical allegiance to Rome is forsaken. The same holds true to the monastic tradition out of Lhasa. Xizang (Tibet) incorporated by the Qing dynasty into the Imperial realm, remains an Autonomous Region with its own Dalai Lama other than the



Protestant Church structure in downtown Yanji; inset is of our trekker posing next to a replica of a Siberian tiger that used to roam the region but has become a rare wildlife creature due to the popularity of its pelt.



By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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famous globally peripatetic one.

Yanbian's signage is definitely focused on the Korean. *Hangeul* accompanies all *Putunghua* signs. English is hardly to be found anywhere. Thus, today's greatest illusion on my part is that I'm successful when I communicate with meager gestures and point at maps and pictures. I don't.

The status of Yanbian as an ethnic prefecture is currently threatened by the dwindling Korean population. Korean-Chinese used to be welcomed in South Korea as a workforce, except their language facility made them a management liability. They could not be held hostage to their employment since they could just easily walk away. Now, Han Chinese are actively recruited and preferred.

The Yanbian Koreans were split during the Civil War, with some supporting Chang's nationalists and others aligned with Mao's rebellion. Mao's triumph relegated nationalist sympathizers to second-class status. Korean workers, however, are a premium to Korean companies who started in Yanbian and extended their services elsewhere in China since they are bilingual, but it also meant that their Korean-speaking employees moved out of the area. A certain percentage of Census ethnicity has to be maintained in order to retain the political autonomous status of a region.

The Yanji Park is in a sense a microcosm of Yanbian's forestry status. Seventy percent of the area is supposed to have forest cover. Plantation forest, to be faithful to its natural resource, is encouraged agricultural endeavor. However, our trek around the area so far has indicated a sparse wildlife population as animals and birds reportedly are more items on the dining table or artifacts on display rather than as species free to roam. Hunchun hosts a globally recognized tiger preservation program. And that perhaps, reveal a current constraint in China's rapidly expanding economy, the sense of freedom of its constituent residents.

To us, the Yanji Gong Yuen's real monkey house (not like the federally-built one in Susupe) identified as *Hou Tong* closely approximates the term for human settlement, *Hu Tong*. Chinese might just have a great sense of humor, antedated Darwin, or are just lucid about the world of primates. Like elsewhere, the monkeys in the wild are healthier and better behaved than their siblings in captivity.

Those lucky enough to be related as kin or friend to some operators of our informal taxi service on Saipan will notice that not a few of the drivers are from Yanbian. Perhaps, if our Chamorro-Carolinian brothers and sisters can break away from their ethnic navel gazing and begin to get to know more of their neighbors (Manchurian Koreans were fodder to Japan's WWII army), the promise inherent in our diversity might just become real.

## Burden on both sides to find common ground

By **CARL LEUBSDORF**  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

**T**he dramatically transformed political landscape created by Tuesday's election puts a heavy burden on President Barack Obama and the GOP leadership to change their approach to the issues and to each other.

Otherwise, the result will be more partisan gridlock, something that would be bad for the country and for whichever side the voters blame two years from now.

Obama needs to reach out to the GOP as a party, seeking common ground with its leaders as a group, instead of just lobbying individual Republicans to back his programs.

That may mean changing his approach on some issues, seeking compromises on trade, energy and the extension of Bush-era tax cuts and trying to develop common areas for cutting federal spending.

Similarly, Republicans have to drop their insistence that Obama accept their approach on major policies and go beyond generalities about cutting spending to accept substantive compromises on an overall approach to long-term deficit control, including taxes.

After Tuesday's sweeping GOP victories, Obama and top Republican leaders expressed predictable generalities about working together. But neither showed much sign of moving off pre-election stances.

John Boehner, scheduled to become the next House speak-

er, said the GOP wants to extend the Bush tax cuts and repeal Obama's health care plan. Obama said he didn't think the American people wanted "to spend the next two years refighting the political battles of the last two" but added he is open to compromises on energy and education.

They will get a chance to show they can work together when Congress returns in 10 days for its lame-duck session. Lawmakers will have to deal with extending the Bush tax cuts, lest they expire at year's end, and the government's spending authority, which runs out Dec. 3.

One place for both to show flexibility will be within Obama's bipartisan debt commission, which faces a Dec. 1 deadline for proposing a long-term deficit control plan that could involve taxes, annual federal spending and entitlements.

That could require Democrats to agree to curb some future Social Security benefits and Republicans to accept some tax increases. And both parties face internal pressures that make compromises difficult.

The Republicans could be caught between independents who gave them a share of the power to govern, in hopes of spurring efforts to seek common ground, and tea party activists who want them to stand firm for conservative principles against compromise.

These contradictory forces could collide when Congress votes early next year on extending the legal ceiling on the national debt.

The GOP's new responsibility to share governing makes it far harder for its leaders to oppose this as a symbolic protest against

federal spending, because one result could be to prevent the government from functioning.

Democrats, meanwhile, could be caught between their desire to maintain Obama's course in the belief it ultimately will prove correct and the broader electorate's pressure for changes.

He did say he is open to proposals that would improve his health care plan but made clear he'll resist GOP efforts to repeal it or block funds to implement it.

One way for Obama to signal he understands voter dissatisfaction would be to revamp a White House staff whose communications and political operatives have ill-served his presidency. None of this will be easy.

Obama indicated he is likely to resist any but the most modest changes to his basic agenda, lest he further upset party liberals who believe he already has compromised too much.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell already signaled GOP desire to maintain its negative approach by declaring his main goal is to deny Obama re-election.

For both sides, the stakes are large. The same voters who blamed Obama and the Democrats for the persistence of national economic problems also have shown they won't hesitate to find a different target next time.






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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southwestward from west of Guam at 14N143E to east of Yap and Koror at 6N137E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Guam to around Yap and Koror between 5N and 13N from 134E to 146E. Another surface trough stretches southwestward from 20N135E to beyond 130E at 15N. Converging low-level winds east of the trough are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well northwest of Yap and Koror between 15N and 20N from 130E to 134E. A third surface trough runs from 11N152E to just west of Chuuk at 6N150E. Trade-wind convergence east of the trough is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Chuuk north of Pohnpei and Kosrae and over Kwajelein between 6N and 12N from 151E to 169E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Wednesday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:57 AM	5:39 PM
Sunday	6:59 AM	6:33 PM
Monday	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Tuesday	8:58 AM	8:27 PM
Wednesday	9:52 AM	9:24 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	10:10pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	6 via GUM-Palau
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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# Nation

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Official: Student killed in Mexico was US citizen

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico** (AP)—U.S. consular officials on Thursday said that both Texas university students killed in Ciudad Juarez earlier this week were U.S. citizens, bringing the number of Americans slain in the violent border city to six in as many days. Officials had earlier confirmed that one of the dead University of Texas at El Paso students was an American, 23-year-old Eder Diaz. The U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press on Thursday that the other UTEP student, Manuel Acosta, also was also a U.S. citizen. The two were attacked Tuesday by gunmen who opened fire on their car. Acosta, 25, was killed at the scene, while Diaz died early Wednesday at a Juarez hospital.

### Appeals court halts Elizabeth Smart kidnapping trial

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—A federal appeals court on Thursday halted the trial of a man accused of kidnapping Elizabeth Smart to decide if he can get a fair trial in Utah. Opening statements in the case of Brian David Mitchell were interrupted to announce the decision by the three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. The trial was put on hold as the panel considered a claim by defense attorneys that extensive publicity about the abduction has tainted the jury pool. Prosecutors have until 12:59 a.m. Friday to respond to the claim.

### Gunman commits suicide after Fla. hospital ordeal

**PALM BAY, Fla.** (AP)—A man who was recently fired from a Florida hospital fired shots inside its cafeteria Thursday and then barricaded himself in a room before killing himself, authorities said. No one else was injured. John Jack, 39, from Melbourne, Fla., had been threatening people and pointing the gun at them inside the preparation area in the cafeteria at Palm Bay Hospital before he took shelter, Palm Bay police spokeswoman Yvonne Martinez said. He was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after a 3 1/2-hour standoff, she said. Hospital spokesman Elliot Cohen said Jack worked at the hospital about two years until he was fired last month, in part because of a poor attendance record.

## GOP asserts new strength, targets Obama programs

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Victorious at the polls, congressional Republicans asserted their newfound political strength on Thursday, vowing to seek a quick \$100 billion in federal spending cuts and force repeated votes on the repeal of President Barack Obama's prized health care overhaul.

At the White Houses, Obama said his administration was ready to work across party lines in a fresh attempt to "focus on the economy and jobs" as well as attack waste in government. In a show of bipartisanship, he invited top lawmakers to the White House at mid-month, and the nation's newly elected governors two weeks later.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, in line to become the new speaker of the House, brushed aside talk that the No. 1 GOP goal was to make sure Obama is defeated at the polls in 2012. "That's Senator McConnell's statement and his opinion," he told ABC, referring to the party's leader in the Senate and adding that his own goals included cutting spending and creating jobs.

But tentative talk of compromise competed with rhetoric reminiscent of the just-completed campaign.

In a speech at the conservative Heritage Foundation, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell said the only way to achieve key party legislative goals such as ending government bailouts, cutting spending and repealing the health care law "is to put



House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio celebrates the GOP's victory that changes the balance of power in Congress and will likely elevate him to speaker of the House, during an election night gathering hosted by the National Republican Congressional Committee at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

someone in the White House who won't veto" them.

"There's just no getting around it," he added.

Obama has ruled out accepting repeal of the health care measure, and Senate Democrats responded quickly to McConnell.

"What Sen. McConnell is really saying is, 'Republicans want to let insurance companies go back to denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, let them go back to charging women twice as much for the same coverage as men, and let them push millions of

seniors back into the Medicare doughnut hole," said Jim Manley, spokesman for Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The maneuvering unfolded two days after elections that swept Democrats out of power in the House and cut deeply into their Senate majority, scripting an uncertain new era of divided government for the final two years of Obama's term.

In the House, Boehner asked members of the Republican rank and file to support him for speaker when the new Congress convenes in early January. His

victory is a formality, given the huge 60-member gain he engineered as party leader.

Nor did there appear to be any competition to Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia as majority leader, the second-most powerful position in the House.

Among Democrats, Speaker Nancy Pelosi has yet to disclose her plans. The most recent speaker whose party lost its majority, Rep. Dennis Hastert of Illinois, resigned from Congress a few months later.

Even before the new Congress comes into office, the old one is

scheduled to meet the week after next for a post-election session.

In remarks to reporters after meeting with his Cabinet at the White House, Obama urged lawmakers to avert an income tax increase that could take effect Jan. 1, ratify a new arms-reduction treaty with Russia, provide unemployment aid to victims of the recession and extend expiring tax breaks for business.

Congress also must enact a spending bill that permits government to remain in operation, and the issue already has emerged as a likely flash point in the post-election meeting of Congress.

Many House Republicans campaigned on a platform of cutting government spending to levels in effect in 2008, before enactment of an economic stimulus bill and other increases that Democrats passed. Rep. Jerry Lewis of California, the senior Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, notified Democrats during the day that GOP lawmakers will try and implement the cuts when Congress considers the spending bill needed to keep most agencies running for the next eight months. The estimated savings total \$100 billion.

"The unmistakable message sent by the American people on Tuesday is that they are justifiably angry at Washington. They want Congress to cut spending," wrote Lewis, who faces an internal challenge in his attempt to become chairman of the panel next year.

## Clinton (again) denies presidential ambitions

**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand** (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is again slapping down speculation that she harbors ambitions for another presidential run.

In New Zealand on Friday, Clinton told a pair of television interviewers that she won't run for president even in the aftermath of this week's congressional midterms that saw Republicans take control of the House and make big gains in the Senate. Some have

suggested that Clinton should take advantage of President Barack Obama's unpopularity to make a new bid.

She said she is very happy doing what she is doing as America's top diplomat and would not be the first female president of the United States.

She told one interviewer that the United States "should be" ready to have a woman as



Clinton

commander in chief. Yet, when asked if that could be her, she answered: "Well not me, but it will be someone."

Asked by another interviewer if she would rule out a

White House run in 2016 or before, she replied: "Oh yes, yes."

Clinton is in the midst of a two-week, seven-nation tour of the Asia-Pacific and was in Ma-

laysia for Tuesday's elections. She told reporters in Papua New Guinea on Wednesday that she hoped to work with the new Congress and in a bipartisan manner and believed that foreign policy and national security transcend party lines.

In her interviews on Friday, Clinton, who is barred from partisan political activity as secretary of state, lamented the poor performance of her fellow Democrats but said the election results followed a

trend in which the president's party losing seats in Congress after his first two years in office.

"Yeah, it's big, but it's not out of the pattern of historical political elections," she said.

"That doesn't make it any easier, and it is deeply saddening to see good people lose their congressional seats, but it is part of a historical pattern," she said. "And certainly I know that (the president) is going to work hard the next two years to build a strong relationship with the Congress, with the new leaders to get things done for our country."

## Rutgers suicide case poses test for NJ privacy law

**HADDONFIELD, N.J.** (AP)—The case of a Rutgers University student who committed suicide after a roommate allegedly used a webcam to spy on his tryst with another man could pose the first legal test of a state privacy law passed in 2003.

Lawyers for the roommate and another student, accused of watching 18-year-old Tyler Clementi "making out with a dude" in his dorm room on the Piscataway campus, insist their clients were the only two people who saw a tame encounter and did not record it.

Prosecutors said, though, that they tried to transmit a "sexual encounter" on the Internet but haven't said how widely available they believe the video was.

Therein lie the questions: What was the potential audience? What constitutes privacy? What did Clementi know, and why did he believe death was the best option? For the young suspects, the answers could mean the difference between years in prison, 18 months or no time at all.

"To prove this case, you'd

probably have to have the recording; you'd have to see what's on it," Justin Loughry, a Camden lawyer familiar with the privacy law and unconnected to the Rutgers case, said about the difficulty prosecutors could face in arguing for the harshest penalties. "Would it be enough to peek in on someone French kissing? Probably not."

The case became a national symbol soon after the news broke that Clementi, a freshman just a few weeks into classes at Rutgers, committed

suicide by jumping into the Hudson River from the George Washington Bridge.

In the days before his death, authorities said, Dharun Ravi and another student, Molly Wei, watched his encounter with an unidentified man in the room Clementi shared with Ravi.

The story came on the heels of a spate of gay teenagers nationwide killing themselves after being bullied—and it quickly took on that mantle.

Clementi's death galvanized efforts to fight suicide and bullying of gay teens. It helped

inspire "Wear Purple Day" last month, in which advocates encouraged people to wear the color to protest bullying. Talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Barack Obama joined luminaries in recording videos decrying bullying and suicide.

Facebook groups popped up calling for expulsion or long prison sentences for Ravi and Wei. Some groups have suggested hate-crime charges, and Middlesex County prosecutors say they're evaluating whether the state's hate-crime law might apply.



# Asia

## Plane crash kills 21 in southern Pakistan

**KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)**—A small, private plane chartered to an oil company crashed near the airport in Pakistan's largest city Friday after the pilot warned of engine trouble, killing all 21 people on board, officials said.

The crash was the second in less than four months in Pakistan—the latest tragedy in a year when massive floods left millions homeless and Islamist militants kept up attacks. The previous crash, in July, killed 152 people and was the worst-ever on Pakistani soil.

The Beech aircraft that crashed Friday morning belonged to the JS Air company and had just taken off from the southern city of Karachi. The pilot told the control tower minutes before the crash that there appeared to be some fault with the engine, said Pervez George, a spokesman for the country's Civil Aviation Authority.

The pilot was ordered to return to the airport, but as he was turning the plane, it went down in an open field, the spokesman said. The plane caught on fire after the crash. TV footage from the scene showed it had broken into pieces, with the tail completely separated from the otherwise charred body.

"The bodies onboard are beyond recognition," said Army Lt. Col. Noor Alam, a lead rescue official.

Aviation officials said the flight was chartered to an oil company and headed to an oil field in the Bhitshah area in southern Sindh province. State-run Pakistan Television said foreigners may have been among the passengers. The U.S. Embassy said it was checking to see if any were American.

JS Air spokesman Nadeem Hanif said the plane was capable of carrying 19 passen-

gers and two crew members, and that it had been checked before taking off Friday. JS Air is based in Karachi.

"It was a fit aircraft, which was cleared to fly," Hanif said. "Absolutely, there should not be any ambiguity in anybody's mind that it was fit to carry out operations."

The relatives of the dead were being notified, Hanif said. He declined to mention the oil company's name.

Karachi is a mega-city of more than 16 million people and its airport hosts flights from all over the world.

The July 28 flight by Pakistani carrier Airblue crashed into hills overlooking the capital, Islamabad, during stormy weather. Initial reports said a few people had survived that crash, but later it was confirmed all 152 onboard the Airbus A321 had died, including at least two U.S. citizens.

## Death toll from Indonesian volcano nears 100

**MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP)**—Blistering gas from Indonesia's most volatile volcano spewed farther than expected Friday, incinerating houses at the edge of the danger zone, triggering chaotic evacuations and pushing the death toll in more than a week to nearly 100.

Soldiers joined rescue operations in Bronggang, nine miles (15 kilometers) from the mouth of the crater, pulling charred corpses from smoldering homes and then lifting them into the backs of trucks caked in gray dust.

Dozens of injured, most with severe burns, were carried away on stretchers.

"We're totally overwhelmed

here!" said Heru Nogroho, a spokesman at the Sardjito hospital, as the number of bodies dropped off at their morgue climbed to 54—the deadliest day Mount Merapi has seen in 80 years.

More than 70 others were injured, many critically, with severe burns.

Merapi's booming explosion just after midnight triggered a panicked evacuation. Men with ash-covered faces streamed down the scorched slopes on motorcycles, followed by truckloads of women and children, many crying.

Officials barked out orders on bullhorns as rocks and debris rained from the sky.

Up until Friday the village

of Bronggang, home to around 80 families, was considered to be within the safety zone.

Mount Merapi, which means "Fire Mountain," has erupted many times in the last century, often with deadly results. In 1994, over a period of several days, 60 people were killed, while in 1930, more than a dozen villages were torched, leaving up to 1,300 dead.

The greatest danger is always pyroclastic flows, like those that roared down the southern slopes Friday.

Such clouds can reach temperatures of up to 1,400 degree Fahrenheit (750 degree Celsius), while racing down the slopes at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour (100 kilometers per hour).

a dispute between the Asian neighbors. Coast guard spokeswoman Mariko Inoue said the government is checking into the video, which was shown on YouTube and then Japanese television networks. The Sept. 7 collision sparked a high-level tiff with Beijing because it occurred in waters near a group of islands claimed by Japan and China in the East China Sea. Several large anti-Japanese demonstrations have occurred in response across China.

### Domino's Pizza to pay \$31,000 for one hour of work

**TOKYO (AP)**—It's a dream job for slackers. Domino's Pizza Japan, Inc. is offering a 2.5 million yen (\$31,000) part-time job in December. The popular American pizza outlet said Thursday it will hire one person for the one-hour job, which requires neither experience nor education, only that applicants must be over 18. The company gave no further information. Domino said it will provide details on Nov. 10. It said the 2.5 million yen job was part of its campaign commemorating the 25th anniversary of its arrival in Japan. The average hourly wage of part-time workers in Japan is around 1,000 yen (\$12), according to the government.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Beijing denounces Nobel prize as a Western tool

**BEIJING (AP)**—China stepped up its criticism of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to a jailed democracy activist Friday, saying the prize is a Western political tool used to attack a rising China. The commentary in the People's Daily, the Communist Party's flagship newspaper, comes a day after several diplomats said China was pressuring European governments to avoid next month's Nobel Peace Prize ceremony for Liu Xiaobo and not make any statements in support of him. China has reacted with furious condemnation since Liu was given the prize one month ago. The commentary said the Nobel prize has become wrapped up in ideology since the end of the Cold War and "became a tool for Western countries to impose peaceful evolution on powers which do not meet their standards."

### Purported video behind China-Japan clash leaked

**TOKYO (AP)**—Japanese officials are checking the authenticity of a video purportedly showing a collision between Japanese coast guard vessels and a Chinese fishing boat off disputed islands that was leaked Friday, potentially worsening

# World

## No survivors in Cuba plane crash

**HAVANA (AP)**—A Cuban airliner flying from the eastern city of Santiago de Cuba to the capital crashed in mountains after declaring an emergency Thursday evening, killing all 68 people aboard, including 28 foreigners, authorities said.

AeroCaribbean Flight 883 went down near the village of Guasimal in Santi Spiritus province, carrying 61 passengers and a crew of seven.

Cuba's Civil Aviation Authority issued a statement early Friday saying there were no survivors. It released a list of passengers that included nine Argentines, seven Mexicans, three Dutch citizens, two Germans, two Austrians, a French citizen, an Italian, a Spaniard, a Venezuelan and a Japanese.

A photo posted on the website of the local newspaper, Escambray, showed a large piece of the plane in flames, with rescue workers in olive-green military uniforms standing around it. It said the local Communist Party chief as well as Interior Ministry and other officials were at the scene helping with the effort.

The twice-a-week flight goes from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Santiago de Cuba to Havana. It reported an emergency at 5:42 p.m. and subsequently lost contact with air traffic controllers.

State media said that the plane was an ATR-72 twin turboprop and that the crash site was not far from the Zaza reservoir, the largest in Cuba. It said authorities had mobilized doctors and emergency workers in the rural area, which is about 220 miles (350 kilometers) east of Havana.

At Havana's national terminal, relatives of those on board the plane were kept isolated from other passengers and journalists.

"This is very sad," Caridad de las Mercedes Gonzalez, who was manning an airport information desk, said before officials announced that everyone had been killed. "We are very worried. This has taken us by surprise."

State media gave no details on what happened to the airliner, saying only that the cause of the



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Miguel Acebo, first secretary of the Communist Party in the Santi Spiritus province, speaks with unidentified people next to the wreckage of a Cuban airliner that crashed near the village of Guasimal, Santi Spiritus, in Cuba, Thursday Nov. 4, 2010.

crash was being investigated.

The flight would have been one of the last leaving Santiago de Cuba for Havana ahead of Tropical Storm Tomas, which was on a track to pass between Cuba's eastern end and the western coast of Haiti on Friday. Cuban media said earlier that flights and train service to Santiago were being suspended until the storm passed.

AeroCaribbean is owned by Cuban state airline Cubana de Aviacion.

## Israelis mull leaving settlers in Palestine

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—It has become an article of faith in the Israeli-Palestinian equation: Israel's withdrawal from occupied lands must be accompanied by a removal of Jewish settlers.

But perhaps there's another option.

Although it's hardly mainstream thinking, voices on both sides are quietly contemplating an alternative: Perhaps some Jews can live in a future Palestine, even if only in small numbers, the way Arabs live in Israel.

That would reduce Israel's challenge, perhaps avoiding possible violent settler resis-

tance. It would also absolve the Palestinians of an uncomfortable charge sometimes leveled at them using a Nazi term - that they want a state that is "judenrein," or "free of Jews."

By "allowing those Israelis who always claim to love the land more than the state to live out their dreams ... you have the chance to defang one of the most difficult issues (among many) and set a solid foundation for a just, robust, free and democratic Palestine," said Akram Baker, an independent Palestinian analyst.

The problem, of course, is

that most settlers have no desire to live under Palestinian rule—and in fact moved to the West Bank to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state. Others are radicals who could well prove problem citizens.

The antipathy is generally mutual: Palestinians tend to think that the settlers' presence there is a violation of international agreements against colonizing occupied land. They are widely hated, and it is easily conceivable that they might suffer discrimination and even vigilante violence without protection of the Israeli military.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Nigeria: Authorities deport 700 illegal immigrants

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)**—Immigration officials say they've deported 700 illegal immigrants from northern Nigeria to prevent them from casting votes in next year's presidential election. Babayo Alkali, comptroller of the Nigeria Immigration Service, told journalists Thursday that the immigrants came from Cameroon, Chad and Niger. Alkali said since the immigrants arrived in the country without proper documents, they could also find a way to potentially cast ballots in what could be chaotic elections next

year. Many immigrants come to oil-rich Nigeria for opportunities lacking in their countries near the Sahara Desert, where many areas now suffer from a food shortage. Many work as servants and in construction, while others engage in petty trading.

### WikiLeaks urges US to probe alleged rights abuses

**GENEVA (AP)**—The founder of WikiLeaks urged U.S. authorities on Thursday to investigate possible rights abuses committed by troops in Afghanistan and Iraq instead of pursuing those who have leaked information to his group. Australian-

born Julian Assange said the U.S. hadn't opened any probes into the alleged incidents detailed in secret documents published by WikiLeaks since the group began putting them online in July. Assange contrasted this with Britain and Denmark, whose governments he said had already taken some steps to examine possible wrongdoing from the leaked U.S. war logs. "It is time the United States opened up instead of covering up," he told reporters near the U.N.'s European headquarters in Geneva, where on Friday the U.S. will face its first comprehensive human rights review by the global body.



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## Filipino sailors' remittances up by \$250M

**MANILA, Philippines**—Filipino sailors aboard foreign-flagged ocean-going vessels wired home a total of \$2.461 billion in the eight months to August this year, up \$250 million or 11.31 percent of the \$2.211 billion they remitted over the same period in 2009, the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines said.

"The foreign exchange coming in from sea-based migrant Filipino workers is growing twice faster than those coming in from their land-based counterparts," TUCP secretary-general Ernesto Herrera said in a news release.

"At the current double-digit growth rate, we now see the full year remittances from Filipino sailors abroad hitting around

\$3.7 billion," said Herrera, former chairman of the Senate committee on labor, employment and human resources development.

Herrera, whose national labor center includes the Philippine Seafarers' Union, attributed the sustained growth in remittances to the increased deployment of sailors and global demographics.

"The intercontinental maritime transport of all kinds of commodities is growing along with global population expansion. Thus, the ever-increasing demand for a fresh supply of sailors," the former senator said.

The total remittances coursed through banks by all land- and sea-based migrant Filipino workers increased by \$839 million or 7.40 percent, to \$12.181

billion in the first eight months of 2010 from \$11.342 billion in the same period in 2009, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Remittances from land-based workers alone increased by \$589 million or 6.45 percent to \$9.720 billion from \$9.131 billion, year-on-year.

Filipino sailors on mostly foreign merchant ships wired home

a total of \$3.4 billion in the whole of 2009, up \$366 million from \$3.034 billion in 2008.

The 12.06 percent growth in remittances from sea-based migrant Filipino workers in 2009 was nearly three times faster than the 4.15 percent or \$555 million year-on-year increase in the cash sent home by their land-based counterparts. (INQUIRER.net)

## RP's top remitters sent less money in crisis-hit '09: NSO

By JEREMIAH M. OPINIANO  
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**MANILA**—DATA from an annual OFW survey by the National Statistics Office showed that total and average remittances of the three big remittance-sending occupational groups of overseas Filipino workers declined last year.

The 2009 Survey on Overseas Filipinos showed that total remittances from OFWs in 2009 declined by P3.423 billion to P138.481 billion, compared to the P141.904 billion received in 2008.

Remittances from "laborers and unskilled workers" in 2009 declined by P1.666 billion compared to 2008 levels. Domestic helpers, the country's number one deployed migrant workers according to data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), are part of this occupational grouping.

Remittances, meanwhile, from "service workers and shop and market sales workers" dropped by P2.473 billion while those from "trades and related workers" were lower by P0.731 billion.

On average, laborers and unskilled workers surveyed by the

SOF sent P37,000 each in 2009, lower than the P39,000 average sent in 2008.

Service workers and shop and market sales workers also had a drop in average remittances with P55,000 each in 2009 (down by P12,000). Luckily, average remittances from trades and related workers rose by a thousand pesos to P67,000 each in 2009.

Total remittances sent as cash dropped in 2009 to P102.535 billion, compared to the P103.928

applicable to seafarers whose 80 percent of their salaries are retained and sent to families by manning agencies; and P0.485 billion for padala.

The total number of OFWs estimated by the SOF, numbering to 1.912 million people in 2009, was also lower than the 2008 estimate of 2.002 million OFWs.

By percentage share of the place of work of the OFWs surveyed, there were lesser numbers of OFWs who were working in East Asia, Southeast Asia, Europe, and North and South America in 2009 compared to 2009, NSO data show.

Most OFWs surveyed by the NSO were laborers and unskilled workers (32.3 percent), trades and related workers (14.9 percent), service workers and shop and market sales workers (14.8 percent), plant and machine operators and assemblers (13.9 percent), and professionals (10.1 percent).

Even if professionals had higher total and average remittances in 2009 as compared to 2008 (P16.5 billion total and P103,000 average), their total is only a third of laborers and unskilled workers in 2009.

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billion of cash sent in 2008.

Cash remittances sent by OFWs through banks, agencies and local offices, friends or co-workers through hand-carried means or *padala*, and through door-to-door services all dropped in 2009 compared to 2008 figures.

Remittances coursed through door-to-door companies had the biggest drop in amounts compared to 2008 by P3.598 billion. For banks the drop in amounts was P1.125 billion; P0.793 billion for agencies and local offices (this mode being

## RP Consulate General congratulates Kilili

The Philippine Consulate General on Saipan has issued a congratulatory message to U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan on his re-election as delegate of the Northern Mariana Islands to the U.S. Congress.

"The trust and confidence bestowed upon Congressman Sablan by the electorate of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is a testament to his outstanding performance in the US Congress," the

consulate said in a statement on its website, [www.philippines-saipan.org](http://www.philippines-saipan.org).

The Philippine Consulate General said it looks forward to "continuing the excellent working relationship with Sablan as he embarks on his new mandate."

"To everyone in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, we also extend our sincerest congratulations on the highly successful conduct of the elections." (ST)



Sablan



PIA REGION 8

These cooks are among the Filipinos who went to Canada and who helped make this foreign ethnic group rise in number exponentially, according to a report from the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

## Number of Filipinos in Canada on the uptick

By JEREMIAH M. OPINIANO  
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**MANILA**—The number of Filipinos entering Canada annually rose to a 10-year high in 2008, and over a hundred thousand Filipinos have become Canadian citizens already in that same 10-year period.

Data from statistics agencies of countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development showed that some 23,700 Filipinos entered Canada in 2008 compared to some 9,200 who entered the North American country in 1999.

The number has made Filipinos the third biggest source country of the foreign population behind the Chinese and the Indians, says data coming from OECD's recently-released 2010 International Migration Outlook.

Citing estimates of what is called the "visible minority" (from a March 2010 report of Statistics Canada, titled Pro-

jections of the Diversity of the Canadian Population, 2006-2031) in Canada, the estimated 427,000 Filipinos in Canada can reach 1.021 million by 2031.

This is an inward exodus of 51,050 every year into the OECD-member country.

Filipinos, the fourth most visible minority population segment in Canada (behind the Chinese, the South Asians and the "Blacks,") "could double in size in the next 25 years," the StatCan report wrote.

In Toronto alone (found in Ontario province), StatCan projects that the currently 180,000 Filipinos there can reach 404,000 by 2031. In Montreal, the estimated 24,000 Filipinos there in 2006 can become 56,000 by 2031.

In terms of acquisition of nationality (also covering the same 10-year period), 110,285 Filipinos became Canadian citizens—including the 11,654 in 2008 (the third highest behind the Chinese and the Indians).

The increasing number reveals the fruits of previous years of negotiations between Canadian national government executives and Philippine provincial public officials for the OECD-member country to hire skilled Filipino workers and give them permanent residency status.

Canada was a major source of remittances to the Philippines last year, with the US\$1.9 billion coming from Canada more than made up for the declining remittances from the United States by some US\$90.325 million.

The US\$7.323 billion from US-based Filipinos sent in 2009 was less by US\$501.946 million from 2008 remittance figures.

As regards the inflow of the foreign population (beyond nationalities) into OECD-member countries, 2008 data in the OECD migration report showed that Filipinos are the fourth-biggest foreign population entrants in

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# PNP coordinates with 5 countries over travel advisories

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**MANILA, Philippines**—The Philippine National Police has begun coordinating with foreign embassies of the five countries that issued travel advisories against the Philippines, even as it maintained that there were no specific threats of any terror attacks here.

Philippine National Police Director General Raul Bacalzo said on Thursday that he instructed his intelligence officers to coordinate with officials from the United States, Australia, Britain, New Zealand, and Canada to get specific information of terrorist threats here.

Bacalzo said that based on their own monitoring, there were still no specific threats

## RP calls for terror warnings to be downgraded

**MANILA, Philippines** (AFP)—The Philippines on Thursday urged the United States and other allies to downgrade travel warnings about an imminent terrorist attack in Manila, saying it had not monitored any such threat.

The United States, Britain,

Australia, Canada and New Zealand issued travel advisories this week warning an attack may occur at any time in Metro Manila, and that areas frequented by foreigners were potential targets.

But Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Ed Malaya

said local security authorities disagreed with the advisories.

"They are not really seeing any imminent threat," Malaya said on dzBB radio.

"Our expectation... is that they [foreign governments] will review and update their travel advisories so that it will be re-

flective of the generally peaceful conditions that we have."

The military and police said that, because of the advisories, troops in the sprawling capital of 12 million had been placed on heightened alert with sensitive installations being closely watched.

here, even as intelligence reports uncovered a possible threat in Metro Manila.

"So far we have not validated any specific information of a threat...what we have are general information about alleged activity, which emanated from the Yemen incident," Bacalzo said in an interview.

A television report cited intel-

ligence reports that revealed a possible terror attack in the city of San Juan and other parts of Metro Manila.

The attack, the report said, could occur sometime between September and December.

Intelligence reports aired in the same network also showed that members of the secessionist Moro Islamic Libera-

tion Front-Special Operations Group were planning to attack parts of Metro Manila, particularly the train stations.

Asked about these reports, Bacalzo said these were considered as "unvalidated raw information" and has ordered his intelligence units to step up their efforts to verify these.

Bacalzo said they were look-

ing at the possible connection of these intelligence reports over the stalled peace talks between the government and the MILF.

"In the meantime, we know that there is now an effort for the peace process to push through so we are looking at this possible connection... [But] I have instructed different police units to increase

their police presence, particularly their visibility in public areas, including malls."

"We are also coordinating with establishment owners and security officers so we can tie up and coordinate our activities in public areas, even the LRT [Light Rail Transit] and MRT [Metro Rail Transit] we are monitoring closely," Bacalzo said.

Metro Manila and Mindanao are on full alert status as of this time, the PNP chief added.

Bacalzo appealed to the public not to panic over these reports.

"I would like to appeal to the public that there should no cause for panic. We have no specific report targeting a specific area or specific establishment in the Philippines," he added.

## Pacquiao's real story outweighs all the hype

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—With Manny Pacquiao, it is hard to see the forest for the trees.

If sports have a say, he is the eighth wonder of the world. He is to boxing what Tiger Woods, pre-driveway accident, was to golf.

When he walks into a room, you expect his feet to be touching only water. After his Nov. 13 fight in Dallas against Antonio Margarito, he will either attend a news conference or feed the multitudes with five loaves and two fishes.

Anybody collecting a paycheck in the sport, from Bob Arum to the guys sweeping the floors after the fights, should be lighting candles under his picture. Boxing can't live on the die-hards and geeks alone, and Pacquiao delivers the rest of the sporting world.

Boxing, perhaps more than any other sport, needs superstars. Pacquiao became one by pummeling the incumbent on Dec. 6, 2008. They stopped that one in the eighth round and Oscar De La Hoya said the other day, "He was so fast and so good and when he had me against the ropes, I was just wishing he'd finish me, knock me out."

De La Hoya was in the twilight then, more than even he wanted

to admit, he says now. He had carried the sport for years, his East L.A.-to-Olympic dreams the kind of rags-to-riches stuff that keeps the headlines big and the TV lights bright.

If anything, Pacquiao's story is even more compelling. De La Hoya is a movie, Pacquiao a two-year TV mini-series. Much of it has been told, in bits and pieces. Step-back overviews are infrequent.

There was the young man, leaving home in General Santos City in the far south of the Philippines, because his family could no longer afford to feed him. There were nights in the big city of Manila, spent sleeping outside on mats, days spent scrounging for food, more days trying to master the art of punching people in a ring before they punch you.

From that came a young 106-pound fighter who has grown and now has won seven world titles in seven divisions and is looking for No. 8, at 150 pounds, against Margarito.

Oh, yes. He also was elected to a congressional seat in the Philippines, at age 31.

The totality of this, viewed from a vantage point that allows the entire picture to be taken in, is eye-opening.

The buzz of the sport's marketing machine and the demands of his daily world deflect that big

picture. Right now, the need to sell pay-per-view buys prompts a promotional resurrection of the talents of Margarito, who, in reality, got his head handed to him by Shane Mosley in January 2009, and plodded to victory against an overmatched Roberto Garcia in Mexico in May.

We hear Margarito is 5 inches taller than Pacquiao, that he is in the best shape of his life, that he is determined to defend the honor of Mexican fighters, because so many have climbed in the ring with Pacquiao and left with cuts, bruises and defeats.

Pacquiao enters the Wild Card gym in Hollywood this week and walks into a sauna of reporters and groupies with press privileges. There are not as many news outlets in the world as there are cameras in trainer Freddie Roach's sweaty barn atop a strip mall. Pacquiao smiles his bemused smile and carries on.

The reporters who actually serve a public beyond Geeandgolly.com are ushered into a side room that is a claustrophobic steam bath. The questions dwell on the negatives, the likely distractions of a congressional job when training for a fight, the rumors of injuries and less-than-productive training sessions in the Philippines before he came here.

Pacquiao smiles, answers some questions, tap-dances

around others with pat responses about trying hard and doing good things for the people of the Philippines. He is a master at leaving the impression that his English isn't quite grasping the more complicated questions. That's probably incorrect.

He knows, perhaps better than anybody except his promoter, Arum, that these are prime weeks of selling. He understands the need to create doubt about the outcome. That's why maybe the best thing that ever happened to the sport was Buster Douglas knocking out Mike Tyson. That allowed boxing, henceforth, to preach that you never know, that the invincible might not be.

That allows the premise that Margarito might beat Pacquiao. The more honest premise might be that he is simply a placeholder, somebody plugged into the spot meant for Floyd Mayweather Jr., so Pacquiao could get another fight this year. Boxing has mastered the art of producing great paydays from less-than-great fights.

We will know after about four rounds in Dallas. Trainer Roach, a rarity in boxing in that he is both honest and hype-proof, says, "We don't have any weaknesses in this fight. This guy is made to order for us."

When it's over in Dallas, seconds will pass before the story



RON T. ENNIS/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

Joshua Clottey (left) covers up as Manny Pacquiao closes in during the main event, the 12-round WBO World Welterweight title bout, at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

moves on to what is next: Pacquiao-Mayweather? Pacquiao-Margarito II?

That noise will drown out all else, including what a truly amazing story Pacquiao is.

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Japan (21,000-plus) and in New Zealand (3,600-plus); fifth-biggest in Australia (7,100-plus) and in Norway (1,800-plus); sixth-biggest in Korea (9,200-plus); eighth-biggest in Italy (7,400-plus) and in the United Kingdom (13,000-plus); and the ninth-biggest in Denmark (700-plus).

The 2008 data on the Filipino population that entered into New Zealand, Norway and Australia were also ten-year highs, OECD data showed.

From 1999 to 2008, some

386,738 Filipinos have acquired US citizenship—and the 58,792 Filipinos who became naturalized Americans in 2008 was the most number over a ten-year period, and the number is the third highest that year behind the Mexicans (231,815) and the Indians (65,971).

Also covering a ten-year period, 32,253 Filipinos became Australian citizens; some 2,652 have become naturalized Norwegians; and 8,545 have acquired citizenship in New Zealand.

Available data in Korea from 2001 to 2008 showed that 4,152 Filipinos have acquired Korean citizenship, while Spain has naturalized 5,213 Filipinos from

1999 to 2007.

In terms of the stock of the foreign population by country of birth, the rising number of Filipinos entering into Canada has made the Philippines the fourth biggest origin country of the foreign-born population (with 303,000-plus as of 2006)—behind the United Kingdom, China, and India.

Filipinos in the United States who were foreign-born (at 1.83 million) still remained the second biggest foreign born population, though they're way behind the Mexicans (at 11.845 million).

Filipinos who were foreign-born ranked seventh in Australia, ninth in Ireland, 12th in New

Zealand, and 14th in Norway, OECD data revealed.

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Curiously, the NSO press release did not compare results of the 2009 SOF to the 2008 results.

Year 2001 to 2008 results of the SOF also showed rising remittances from OFWs, but it is only the year 2009 when total remittances went down year-on-year.

The SOF is a survey that covered OFWs who worked overseas from April to September of every year. (OFW Journalism Consortium)

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# Filipino crewmen outsmart Somali pirates

By JERRY E. ESPLANADA  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—The Department of Foreign Affairs has commended eight Filipino seafarers and eight other crew members of the M/V *Beluga Fortune*, a German-owned cargo ship, for outsmarting Somali pirates and successfully evading capture by the marauders near the Gulf of Aden.

Esteban Conejos, undersecretary of foreign affairs for mi-

grant workers, said the “adoption of best practices by the seafarers saved them from being held captive by the pirates” last October 24.

“They sent out a distress call to American and British naval vessels in the area, cut off the ship’s fuel supply, shut down power on the bridge, and hid in a safe room before they could be overwhelmed by the pirates,” said Conejos.

They stayed below deck for two days, Conejos said, adding,

“Unable to take charge of the ship or hold any crew member hostage, the pirates were forced to abandon the vessel after stealing some personal belongings of the crew which were left inside the cabins.”

Reports reaching the DFA said the pirates boarded the ship while it was on its way to South Africa.

According to Conejos, “all the seafarers are safe and have expressed their intention to continue working on board.”

“The Filipino crew members

also said they will come home in time for the Christmas holidays,” he added.

Meanwhile, DFA spokesman J. Eduardo Malaya said negotiations were continuing for the release of 111 Filipino seafarers being held by Somali pirates.

Malaya said assistance would be provided to the seamen “through domestic and multilateral channels.”

The DFA is “working with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration on the

proper notification and extension of appropriate assistance to the Filipino seafarers’ families” here, Malaya also said.

The latest ship hijacking, which took place last weekend, involved the Panama-flagged tanker M/V *Polar*. At least 16 of its 24 crew members are Filipinos.

The 72,825-ton vessel was seized by the pirates some 600

miles off the coast of Somalia.

On October 24, Somali pirates also seized the Singaporean-flagged tanker M/T *York* with 14 Filipino crew members off the coast of Kenya.

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo earlier said the DFA was coordinating with “concerned foreign countries” for the safe release of the Filipino hostages.

## Filipino designer wins top prize in Japan contest

By CYNTHIA BALANA  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—A Filipino fashion designer won the grand prize at the 48th Japan Fashion Design Contest on October 16 in Tokyo, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Saturday.

Jerome Allen Lorico’s victory marked the first time that a foreigner won in the prestigious

competition after 47 years.

He won the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award (Grand Prize) and two special corporate awards from the Japan Cotton Industry Association and Onward, one of the biggest apparel companies in Japan.

Lorico was among the 50 finalists chosen from a field of around 2,500 entries from around the world, after a rigorous and strin-

gent screening process.

He was awarded a cash prize of one million yen, along with a trophy, certificates, and commemorative gifts at the Meguro Gajoen Hotel.

Lorico was joined by two other finalists from the Philippines, Nicole Michael P. Mori and Marian V. Andrada.

Lorico’s winning all-black entry, titled “Ink and Water,” used a unique textile he helped

conceptualize which was made from conventional and Philippine fabrics such as cotton and piña. His entry took inspiration from the theme of this year’s contest, “Steer for the Future 2020 Autumn/Winter.”

Organized by the Dressmaker Fashion Educational Promotion Committee and Sugino Gakuen (Sugino Fashion College), the contest’s board of judges for this year was headed by noted Japanese fashion maven Hanae Mori, SOMARTA fashion designer Tamae Hirokawa, Boutique-sha chief executive officer Akira Naito, Senken h chief editor Kosuke Nagamatsu, and INFAS Publication, WWD Japan chief editor Kazuyuki Yamamuro.

The Japan Fashion Contest has a 48-year history and is highly respected in Japan, the DFA said.

Previous Philippine entries to the contest have also fared well, with a finalist winning a special incentive award in 2007, the DFA said.

There were three finalists in 2009, with one winning an award in the fashion design category and another in the sketch category, it added.



### MAKATI SHOOTOUT

A member of the Makati Police SWAT force searches for a suspect who allegedly killed two people following a shootout Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at the financial district of Makati city, east of Manila, Philippines. Police said, the still-unidentified gunman was about to be accosted by authorities when he engaged responding policemen in a running gunbattle, shot and killed a motorcycle-riding fireman and a tricycle driver in an attempt to escape but was cornered and killed by police as he took refuge in a house nearby.

## 93 Filipinos detained in Latin America for drugs

By JERRY E. ESPLANADA  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—At least 93 Filipinos are detained on drug-related offenses in Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Brazil, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Citing a report of the Philippine embassy in Santiago, the DFA said 23 of the suspected drug couriers are detained in the Chilean capital.

Twenty others are locked up in jails in Lima and Quito.

In another report to the home office, the embassy in Brasilia said it was closely monitoring “50 reported cases of Filipinos

who are detained for drug trafficking under its jurisdiction.”

“From January to October this year, 15 Filipinos were arrested in Brazil for drug trafficking, 13 of whom are women,” said Philippine Ambassador to Brazil Eva Betita.

Betita noted the recent arrest of a Filipina by Brazilian authorities.

Federal Police at the Guarulhos International Airport “indicates the continuing operations of international drug syndicates using Filipinas as drug mules in spite of the government’s aggressive information and law enforcement campaign.”

For his part, DFA Undersecretary Esteban Conejos Jr. warned anew of the stiff penalties imposed by many countries on anyone caught carrying illegal drugs.

In a statement, Conejos asked Filipino travelers “not to accept packages which they suspect contain drugs and also to be wary of the modus operandi being used by drug trafficking syndicates.”

The DFA co-chairs with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency the Task Force Drug Couriers, which works closely with their foreign counterparts in going after international drug syndicates.

### PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

#### Magnitude 5 quake hits off Davao

**MANILA, Philippines**—A magnitude 5 earthquake struck off Davao at 2:23 a.m. Saturday, the US Geological Survey said. There were no immediate reports of damage or injury from the moderate tremor that was located about 85 kilometers south-southeast of Hinatuan town in the province of Surigao del Sur. It struck at a depth of 141.9 kilometers. This came two days after another moderate quake with a magnitude of 4.8 hit off east-northeast of Manila. The Philippines sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” where continental plates collide causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity. (*INQUIRER.net*)

#### Rebel killed, Army officer wounded in Masbate clash

**LEGAZPI CITY, Philippines**—A New People’s Army rebel was killed while an Army officer was wounded Friday morning in an encounter between government troops and communist guerrillas in a village on Ticao Island in Masbate, military officials said. The slain rebel has yet to be identified but the injured Army officer was identified as Lieutenant Michael Morales, a platoon leader of the 9th Infantry Battalion (IB) based in Masbate, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Purugganan, commander of the 9th IB said in a statement. Morales, who sustained gunshot wounds on the head and arm was airlifted to a

hospital in Naga City for treatment. A platoon of soldiers was on combat patrol in Barangay Pina, San Jacinto town at around 5 a.m. when they chanced upon the rebels and engaged them in a brief firefight. (*INQUIRER.net*)

#### Graft, money laundering raps filed vs Ampatuans, Dureza

**MANILA, Philippines**—Relatives of journalists who were killed in the Maguindanao massacre of November 2009 filed Thursday complaints of graft and corruption and money laundering against the Ampatuans—the key suspects in the bloodbath of 57 persons—and former presidential adviser Jesus Dureza, among other individuals. The complaints were filed before the Anti-Money Laundering Council and were built around the statements of key witness Lakmudin Saliao, who used to be a personal assistant of Andal Ampatuan Sr. In his testimony, Saliao said the Ampatuans conspired to cover up their liabilities, which involved payment of bribes to some government officials, including Dureza. Saliao claimed during one of the recent hearings on the massacre case that Ampatuan Sr., through his supporters, distributed P386 million in bribe money to some government officials who were expected to tamper with pieces of evidence in the massacre and commit perjury. (*INQUIRER.net*)



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## Korina, Noli all set to return in 'TV Patrol' newscast

By BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—Not sooner had Maria Ressa left as head of ABS-CBN's News and Current Affairs than the station announced the return of Korina Sanchez and Noli de Castro to anchor its primetime "TV Patrol" newscast, starting on Nov. 8.

Ressa was perceived as resisting the "revamp" of TV Patrol—and in particular, the return of Sanchez and De Castro.

In the revamp, only Ted Failon was retained of the program's three former anchors. Julius Babao and Karen Davila have been offered the chance to handle the late-night newscast "Bandila," with Ces Drilon.

Davila went on leave before the announcement was made on Tuesday night, according to a network source.

The timing of Ressa's departure proved crucial.

Talk has been rife that TV5, the television station owned by businessman Manny Pangilinan, had made an offer to De Castro, who was supposedly being eyed to host a program to be aired before that of another ABS-CBN alumnus, Willie Revillame's primetime



**Sanchez**

"Willing Willie."

Apparently, ABS-CBN management was unwilling to lose De Castro, its premier broadcast talent before he left to serve as the country's vice president, to TV5, said the same source.

After Ressa decided not to renew her contract with ABS-CBN, the way was open for the network to "expedite" the return of Sanchez and De Castro to TV Patrol, said a source.

Ressa had told the Inquirer in an interview soon after the election of President Benigno Aquino III that she was satisfied with Patrol's then anchors—Babao, Davila and Failon.



**De Castro**

"I am very happy with our present anchors," she said at the time.

She explained that her position on Sanchez and De Castro stemmed from the company's "Code of Ethics" which she helped put in place when she joined ABS-CBN over five years ago.

"A good rule of thumb is to follow the government's policy: If you ran or if you campaigned, you have to take a year off first [from broadcasting]," Ressa explained.

Sanchez is married to former senator Manuel "Mar" Roxas II, Mr. Aquino's defeated running mate, while De Castro served as vice presi-

dent under former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

"It's a case of conflict of interest," Ressa said.

According to a source, Ressa's concern was that Sanchez and De Castro's objectivity as anchors might be questioned in stories that concern their pres-

ent and past political involvements.

"There is a need to transition. There is no quick fix," Ressa said.

"Maybe after a year, we can revisit. [But then again,] life changes quickly in this country, doesn't it? Who knows what will happen next?" she had said then.

## Starlet faces raps for car theft

By ABIGAIL KWOK  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—A starlet is facing multiple charges of car theft for her alleged personal ties with a big time car theft syndicate operating in Metro Manila and nearby regions.

Katrina Paula, Angeline Samonte in real life, is being hunted by authorities after she was identified as the common law wife of Raymond Dominguez, the alleged leader of the notorious Dominguez car theft group, said Chief Superintendent Leonardo Espina, chief of the Police Highway Patrol Group.

The pronouncement on Thursday came after authorities raided the condominium unit of Paula and Dominguez at Palo Verde Condominium, Barangay (village) Malamig in Mandaluyong City last Nov. 2.

Acting on a search warrant issued by Judge Carlos Valenzuela of the regional trial court Branch 213 in Mandaluyong, police also recovered six stolen high-end vehicles, including a BMW, a Mazda 3, Mitsubishi

Montero, and an Isuzu D-Max pickup truck.

Police also recovered the stolen Hyundai Sta. Fe owned by former labor undersecretary Dionisio Dela Cerna.

The raid also led to the confiscation of several paraphernalia, including stolen license plates and car registration papers, two white face masks, several duck tapes and masking tapes, and hand gloves.

Also recovered was the plate number of the stolen vehicle of Malaya sports editor Jimmy Cantor.

Dominguez and Paula, however, were not at the condominium at the time of the raid.

"We are studying closely the case of Katrina Paula. Because given that these stolen vehicles are found in the parking lot of their condominium units, then she must know something," Espina told a news conference.

Aside from car theft, Dominguez is also facing charges for rape, attempted murder, and illegal possession of firearms. Espina said Dominguez has a P500,000 reward for his arrest.

## Yummy, yummmier

By DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL  
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**MANILA, Philippines**—Solenn Heusaff isn't too happy about her ex Derek Ramsey's statement about his current GF, Angelica Panganiban, being yummmier than her. Since she is being linked to Richard Gutierrez, she snaps back: "Richard is more handsome and more of a gentleman than Derek."

I asked Ruffa G if romance is now brewing between Chard and Solenn. She says it's purely friendship. Maybe they are just waiting for the right timing.



Coco Martin has signed up as the newest celebrity endorser of the Belo Medical Group.

### Oscar bet

Coco Martin has signed up as the newest celebrity endorser of the Belo Medical Group. Dr. Vicki Belo is proud that Coco's movie, "Noy," was chosen by the Film Academy of the Philippines as the country's official entry in the foreign film category of American Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences which stages the Oscars.

### Why cry?

Shalala broke down when he guested in "Paparazzi." "Di alam ng mga tumitira sa akin na ako ang breadwinner at nagpapakamot sa pamangkin ko na malubha ang sakit," he lamented. "Napakasakit na sabihin nilang sa lalaki ko ginagastos ang pera ko. Wala naman masamang ma-in-love kahit bading ako, pero foul na ang mga sinasabi nila. Sa pamilya ko napupunta lahat ng kinikita ko. Mahirap pala ang sumisikat. Pilit kang pababagsakin. Sana maintindihan din ng mga artista na subject ng blind items ko sa 'Juicy' na ang mga sinasabi ko ay galing sa bibig ko lamang at hindi galing sa puso. Trabaho nila ang mag entertain, trabaho naman naming mga hosts ang mag-report tungkol sa kanila."

As a talk show host myself, I know that intrigues come with the territory. If we know how to dish it out, we should also know how to grin and bear it. Celebs must bear in mind that we hosts are just mirrors. If they don't want an unpleasant image then they should check what they reflect.

### Brave front

For the longest time, Mr. Fu tried to keep a brave front when his dad passed away in the Middle East.

"Wala namang kinalaman ang listeners and audience ko sa pinagdadaanan ko," he explained. "That's why tuloy pa rin ang pagiging cheerful ko in my TV and radio show even if I am in grief. I know my dad would have wanted it that way. Mababaliw ako kung magmumukmok ako. I have to be strong for my mom because I know it's hardest for her."

"Ako na tatayong padre de pamilya kahit bading ako. Nakakalungkot lang kung kelan pwede na ako bumawi sa dad ko for all his hard work abroad just to support us, saka naman siya nawala."

But I just look at the bright side and console myself with the thought that my dad passed away because he knows na kaya ko na."

The ever bubbly Fu tried to remain calm and composed during that "big scene" which is how he refers to his dad's homecoming.

If there's one thing I learned from my "Dama" friend Fu, it's to always stay positive even during the worst of times. No doubt the joie de vivre which Fu spreads around so well will all come back to him now that he needs it the most.

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Got the pre-invite of the Ogie Alcasid-Regine Velasquez nuptial. It reads: "Ogie and Regine are getting married. Formal invitation to follow. Save the date 12.22.2010."

The couple's photo looks like they are at a masquerade ball with Regine's face partly shown with a mask up her forehead and a shimmering diamond ring on her finger. She is hugging Ogie who's faced toward her so only his back is shown in the fairy-tale like shot.

Here's what's printed at the back of the postcard: "*We realize that our wedding venue is a long way from home. Here's our recommendation to help make your whole trip memorable, exciting and extraordinary as possible (list of suggested resorts I have to keep confidential). We know that everyone wants to be in their best attire so as early as now we are giving you an advice. Gentlemen: Formal suit paired with pastel-colored shirt. Ladies: Formal pastel-colored flowing dress.*"

### Incriminating evidence

A colleague showed me an incriminating photo of a matinee idol and a dancer. I thought it was an old picture taken during the time they were still on. But based on the date of the shot, it was taken recently. Are they back together? Is the young actress/GF of the heartthrob clueless about it? The picture paints a thousand intrigues.

## Annabelle and ward Miriam: All's well?

By MARINEL R. CRUZ  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

All is well between her and talent manager Annabelle Rama, said 1999 Binibining Pilipinas-Universe Miriam Quiambao.

"We've managed to fix the problem," the beauty-queen-turned-actress told Inquirer Entertainment on Thursday. "To be honest, I really got hurt with what she said. I never mentioned anything about money in any of my text messages. I just asked her about which direction she wants to take my career because I also have ideas that I want to share with her."

In a media gathering that Rama hosted two weeks ago, she said she felt irritated by the series of text messages sent by one of her talents who kept asking her for more work. "I told her to just let me decide on what's best for her career. She started having a lot of acting projects when I became her manager. She should go easy on the spending. She shouldn't be too greedy," Rama said, without identifying Miriam.

A week later, tabloid reports revealed Miriam as the pesky talent. Miriam said her messages to Rama were sent merely "as an innocent request for a meeting between a manager and her talent."

"Since she didn't get back to me, I texted her my questions. I didn't expect she would go public with what was intended to be a private conversation. Nonetheless, I'm still open to conversation," she pointed out.

### Show biz newbie

At the variety show "Spotlight," which was mounted by Rama's Royale Artist Management on Oct. 28, Miriam said: "I'm content with what I have. I understand that when it comes to show business, I'm a newbie."

She added: "Tita Annabelle had been super busy this week with the birthday bash. I'll just wait for the week to pass, and for her to get well-rested, before trying to set a meeting with her again. I'm determined to talk to her about my career and investments."

Despite the incident, Miriam has only good words for her manager: "She is like a second mom to me. She's very protective of her kids and talents. Kapag may tumitira, she will really stand up for you. She's also very helpful with her staff. In all fairness to her, she provides me with people who can assist me when I negotiate for contracts."

Asked whether she was happy with her show biz career, Miriam replied: "It's improving. I was a host for 10 years. I've gotten various awards in that field. It's good to have also landed acting jobs and gotten recognized by respected movie critics."

She said she treats each project with equal importance: "If people appreciate what I do, then that's a bonus."

Miriam is currently seen on "5 Star Special Presents: Broken Hearts Club." She is also a cast member of "Layang Bilanggo," an entry to the Cinema One Originals 2010 Film Festival.



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## Pageantry slides to hooliganism

The grenade explosion on the last day of last month's bar examinations was not the first time that the exams were marred by violence. Isn't it a wonder? Why is an otherwise simple and peaceful event attended by noise and carnage? Why have the bar exams attracted such drunken revelry?

Sure it doesn't help that school fraternities are involved, and their members vent their pent-up aggression over petty rivalries. The guilty must be found, charged and jailed. But beyond preventive and punitive police measures, we must look at the issue historically. What has brought us to this point?

The general public may not be aware of it, but the annual bar exams bacchanalia is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The final moment of the exams is but the culmination of a process that builds up over several tension-filled years. I'm not saying that such tension inevitably leads to violence. All I'm saying is that if we want to end this stupidity that often happens on the last day of the bar exams, maybe we should look at the larger stupidities that set the stage for it: the hoopla and pageantry that have turned the bar exams into a circus, a money-making racket to inveigle money from desperate examinees, a showcase for macho preening and narrow-minded school loyalties, and an open call for Dick Tracy to sleuth for exam leakages.

### EDITORIAL

## Organized hypocrisy

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The controversy that has erupted over the existence of a P2.2-billion infrastructure fund for the second district of Pampanga—whose first-term representative in Congress is a certain Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo—proves yet again that the love of money is the root of all evil, especially in politics. It turns out, however, that almost everyone involved in this controversy shares part of the blame: from the former president to the incumbent; from the Senate minority leader to the current Palace spokesman; from the budget secretary, to the House appropriations committee chair, to the convenient caucus of complaining congressmen. To be scrupulously fair, overeager or downright partisan reporting shoulders part of the blame, too.

First things first. There is no P2.2-billion "allocation" in the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways for infrastructure spending in Pampanga. (This is where some reporters got the issue wrong.) The bulk of the amount, or some P1.8 billion, comes from loans contracted by the Philippine government from Japan and South Korea. "Only" about P395 million of the total will come from the Philippine government, in the form of counterpart funding.

These loans were contracted when Arroyo was still president (and proves, if more proof were needed, that running for Congress in her oldest son's old district was a distinct option the famously hands-on Arroyo prepared for many, many months before the 2010 elections). There may yet be some compelling reason to the infrastructure projects financed by these loans, but surely former National Treasurer Leonor Briones is on to something when she wonders why more funds are being poured into one of the most developed areas in the country. The former president should be taken to task for arranging a pre-departure gift for herself that further skews development in the countryside.

Second: We cannot believe that Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano, an astute lawyer, did not know that the infrastructure funds were sourced mainly from foreign assistance loans. That knowledge would have forced him to direct his fire at Arroyo, not at the Aquino administration; Arroyo should be made to defend the loans she bound the country to. But now that Benigno Aquino III is the president, where's the fun, the political gain, from that? In declining to hit at the root of the scandal, Cayetano became guilty of the very thing he accused Aquino of: treating Arroyo as a "sacred cow."

Third, and most disturbing, is the behavior of congressmen who must have known that the P2.2-billion "pork barrel" was in fact largely concessional foreign loans. Yet that did not stop them from clamoring for a share, not of the loans, but of the budget allocation for "regular national infrastructure projects" of the DPWH.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad put his finger on the issue: "Politically it's not a tenable situation." What this means is that President Aquino himself is unwilling to risk his enormous political capital in curbing that infamous congressional addiction to pork, and makes us wonder whether, if push comes to shove, he really has the political strength to impose his will.

First, a law student spends a total of eight and a half years to get there: four years of college, four years of law school, plus six months for the bar review, which includes five months in a bar review center and one month of pre-week lectures. The bar review course—labeled abroad as "cram schools"—is revered locally and covers an entire industry generating millions.

Next, as if that were not enough, for the duration of the bar review, law students organize "Bar Operations" or "BarOps" to assist their bar candidates, who are grandiosely called "barristers"—an affront to the true barristers in the English tradition. For that half-year, teams of students wait hand and foot on their candidates. They photocopy outlines and case digests. Professors conduct mock exams. They also snoop around to identify who are the bar examiners, the guys who make the questions, and then prepare model tests based on what the suspected examiner might ask.

And then the pièce de résistance: On the eve of every Sunday of the exam, the BarOps will sniff around for possible questions. The most coveted are the A-1 "tips" like those in the 2003 bar scandal, when the leaked questions came straight from the bar examiner's law office computers. Competing BarOps trade such tips. They even double-cross one another, passing off bogus leads as A-1 tips, in a game so sophisticated that they print tips on paper marked with identifiable codes so that if these find their way to competing law schools, it can be traced to the source. The BarOps is actually institutionalized cheating, its practitioners the toast of the BarOps community.

On the eve of D-Day, the bar candidates check into five-star hotels. On the morning itself, there is the customary Mass and send-off by some venerated person. A motorcade brings the bar candidates to the site of the exams. When they get out of their vehicles, they are welcomed with confetti. When I took the exam eons ago, I even saw a religious procession with the icon of a saint (accompanied by lighted candles, for good measure), amid cheering and hooting and the banging of drums and the blowing of bugles, as if the cheerers were at a basketball game. And, mind you, all these start happening

at 5:30 a.m. because the examinees must be seated by 7:30 a.m.

At lunch break, there is an army of volunteer students from the lower years waiting to provide meals and even fresher "tips." Imagine Manny Pacquiao in a boxing match, sitting in his corner between rounds, and being massaged and cajoled by his handlers. That is exactly how a bar examinee is made to feel! He is in the fight of his life, and he has a retinue of gofers at his bidding.

And then the moment of catharsis. At 5 p.m. of the last Sunday of the bar exams, the BarOps volunteers, together with family and friends of the examinees, welcome the examinees back to the world of the normal. It even has a name: "Salubong," based on the Easter ritual of welcoming the Risen Christ (which suggests that this practice couldn't have originated from those pagans in Diliman). That is why, if you watch the news clips of the recent bombing, men and women were actually waving bouquets in the air.

Of course, the Sept. 26 grenade blast is a police matter that must be investigated so that the bombers are punished and future violence is deterred. But we mustn't end there. Otherwise, it might be the throwing of beer bottles one year,

a Molotov cocktail another year, a fist-fight the next—because all these are merely part of the larger madness that is the Philippine bar exams process.

We must take the show biz and pageantry out of the bar exams. Reduce it to what it really is, a mere licensing exam. Minimize the guesswork on its scope and the questions that will be asked. Lessen the mystery on how the answers will be graded. All the mumbo-jumbo abets the voodoo approach to exam preparation. In other words, design the exam according to the tried and tested science of testing and evaluation. Then we can tell the examinees that cheering squads and candle-lit processions won't sharpen their minds, and that there is an old-fashioned way to pass an exam: studying. I believe that's how it's called.

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### Passion For Reason

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## Taipan origins in 1590

Textbook history tells us about the way the Chinese were maltreated in the Spanish Philippines. We learn about Chinese revolts, physical segregation in the Parian outside Intramuros, and how cannons were aimed at the ghetto, to be fired at the slightest sign of trouble.

We are also taught about different racial types and where the Chinese or Sangley fit in and how they mixed into what was described as the mestizo de sangley. Perhaps we should include in our textbooks how the Chinese and Chinatown became an important part of the colonial economy, and how the so-called taipans and captains of industry in our times drew from a long history of hard work and entrepreneurship.

Reading Manila Bishop Domingo de Salazar's report to Phillip II dated June 24, 1590 made me see the Chinese and the Parian in a more positive light. Sometimes described by Spanish sources as a "silk market," the Parian was definitely more than silk stores. Just like modern-day Chinatown in Binondo, the Parian was the place for everything under the sun, at cheap prices. One major difference between our times and the late 16th century was quality. Today "made in China" means cheap but badly made goods. But Bishop Salazar wrote of Chinese workmanship: "They make much prettier articles than are made in España, and sometimes so cheap that I am afraid to mention it."

Salazar also wrote about Chinese doctors and drugstores, of Chinese eating houses that were so popular even Spaniards ate their meals there. The Chinese were also good craftsmen who could copy anything made by Spaniards and sell these cheaper, thus driving Spaniards out of business, as a bookbinder recounted as follows:

"What has pleased all of us here has been the arrival of a bookbinder from Mexico. He brought books with him, set up a bindery, and hired a Sangley who had offered his services to him. The Sangley secretly, and without his master noticing it, watched how the latter bound books and then left the house, saying that he wished to serve him no longer, and set up a similar shop. I assure your Majesty that he became so excellent a workman that his master has been forced to give up the business, because the Sangley has drawn all the trade."

Salazar also mentioned that when he arrived in 1581, the Sangleys did not know how to paint, but since they could copy and improve on any object made by a Spaniard, they made "marvelous work with both the brush and the chisel, and I think nothing more perfect can be produced than some of their marble statues of the Child Jesus which I have seen. The churches are beginning to be furnished with the images which the Sangleys make, and which we greatly lacked before."

In many cathedrals and churches in Spain and Latin America are

to be found today the wonderful religious images carved in ivory by Chinese artisans who traveled on the Galleon Trade. Today the major auction houses, Christie's and Sotheby's, label these works of art "Hispano-Philippine Ivory" although they were formerly thought to be of purely Chinese make. One carving in ivory of the head of Christ used to adorn the coffee-table of the late fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent. This 18th-century carving was auctioned in Christie's and should have been acquired by a Filipino collector and brought back to Manila.

Liturgical vestments of silk were embroidered by Chinese artisans in the Parian. Liturgical vessels of gold and silver were also made or sold in the Parian.

Salazar reported: "There are many gardeners among the Sangleys, who, in places which seemed totally unproductive, are raising many good vegetables of the kinds that grow in España and Mexico. They keep the market here as well supplied as that of Madrid or Salamanca. They make chairs, bridles and stirrups of so good a quality and so cheaply that some merchants wish to load a cargo of these articles for Mexico."

Then there is a description of the "lista" or credit system we still have in sari-sari stores today:

"Many bakers make bread with the wheat and fine flour which they bring from China, and sell it in the marketplace and along the streets. This

has much benefited the city, for they make good bread and sell it at low cost; and although this land possesses much rice, many now use bread who did not do so before. They are so accommodating that when one has no money to pay for the bread, they give him credit and mark it on a tally. It happens that many soldiers get food this way all through the year, and the bakers never fail to provide them with all the bread they need."

I wonder if these soldiers and policemen abused their credit and didn't pay up, like those in the 21st century who extort from Chinese merchants. Life seemed so simple in the late 16th-century Philippines.

The Parian supplied everything needed in Manila. Everything that could produce livelihood or income was explored and the good bishop was amazed that even split wood was on sale there. There was so much cheap fish that the surplus was left on the streets.

Reading about the Parian shows us how the Chinese made a living despite all the hurdles placed in their way. Question is: What were the Indios doing aside from taunting the "Intsik beho tulo la-way"? The Indios were above the Sangley then, so why is it the other way around four centuries later?

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### Looking Back

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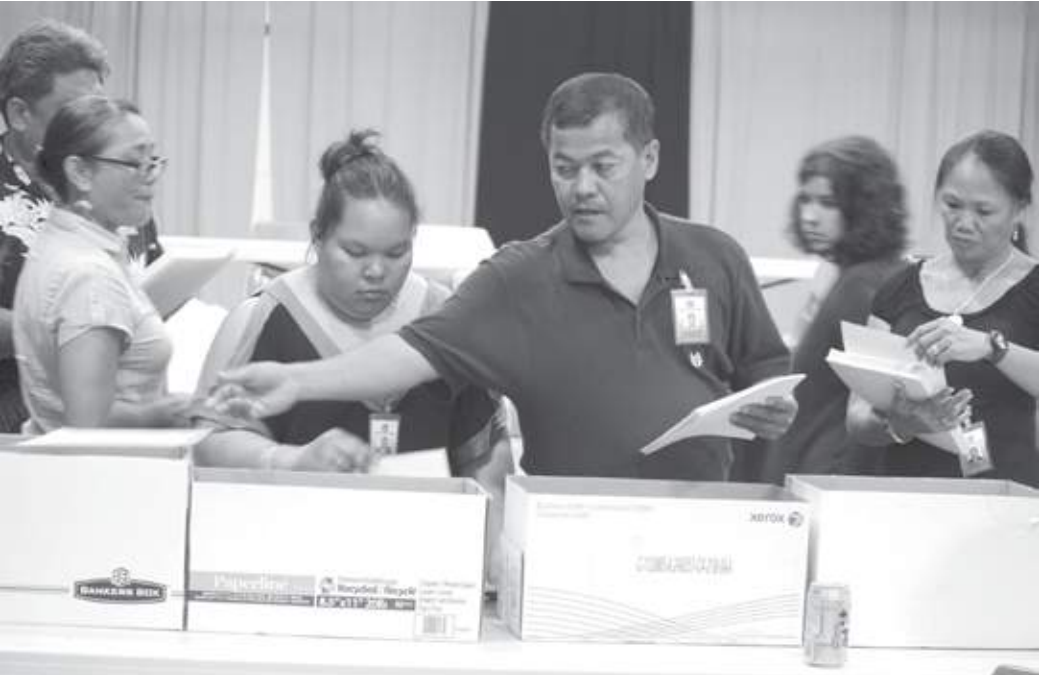
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**ELECTION SUPPORTERS** FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
Former House speaker and currently Department of Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, left, poses with Guillermo Florendo and Alice Fleming under the tent of former House floor leader Joseph N. Camacho near the polling place at Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Florendo, a Filipino, has been on Saipan since 1973.



**CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE VISITOR** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan welcomed to the congressional office 7-year-old Dominic Torres. “Dominic visited our office this week with a lot of questions regarding my work in education. We also had the opportunity to talk about doing things to save our environment while we shared a book about our ocean and the many different creatures that live in it.” Sablan said. Dominic, son of Joe and Jolene Torres, attends Garapan Elementary School. Go Mallards!



**MANUAL COUNTING** HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
Commonwealth Election Commission members led by chair Frances Sablan, right, manually count the ballots during the wee hours of the morning on Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



**PLAQUE PRESENTATION** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan presents Escolastica T. Cabrera, one of the Northern Marianas’ first businesswomen, a copy of statement made on the floor of U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to her many business ventures, she and her family will always be known for their bakery, which to this day is making *bibingka*, *rosko*, *apigigi*, *pan tuba*, and other local treats, for us all to enjoy. “Tan Esco” is truly an indelible part of the history of the Northern Mariana Islands. Also attending the presentation were her granddaughter Victoria Cabrera, her daughter Rita Cabrera, her sons Isidoro Cabrera and Eloy Cabrera, and Lourdes Kisa.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday greetings go out to the fabulous Miss Esther Mahora, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 6! Party like the rock star that you are, girl! Shake what your mama gave ya! Greetings coming out from all your family and friends!



Happy birthday greetings going out to the ever so dudus Raquel Villagomez, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 6! May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come! Greetings coming from your hunny Pete, your entire *familia* and friends. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday greetings go out to Lorena “Nena” Larin, who is celebrating her special day today, Nov. 6. We heart you! From Lena, Fia, the Sisterhood and C.O.L. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday greetings go out to Niña Luisa “Bonita” Camacho, who is celebrating her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday today. May you enjoy your day with laughter and fun, with all the joyous moments you will have. God bless and may you have more wonderful birthdays to come. Greetings coming out from your loving Mom. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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# YoungStyle

## Brain docs raise concussion alarm for kids' sports

By MALCOLM RITTER  
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**NEW YORK (AP)**—The risk of concussions from football and some other sports is so serious that a qualified athletic trainer should always be on the field—at adult and children's games, and even at practice, a major doctors group said Monday.

Following that advice from the American Academy of Neurology would be a dramatic change for youth sports programs, most of which don't have certified trainers.

The doctors group recognizes it isn't necessarily feasible. One official called it a gold standard to strive for.

"We understand completely that is undoable in today's environment, but we think that is a correct way to organize our priorities," said Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, chair of the academy's sports neurology section. He said that if a certified athletic trainer is not available to a school, perhaps contact sports should be avoided.

The recommendation was part of broader guidance from the academy on sports concussions. The group also said no athlete with concussion symptoms should be allowed to take part in sports, and that athletes of all ages who are suspected of suffering concussions should be evaluated by a specialist before returning to sports.

The new position statement follows rules already adopted in college sports and pro football aimed at preventing and better treating blows to the head. Research involving NFL players suggests repeated concussions may have long-term consequences such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Medical groups want to get the message "to the athletes, their parents and their coaches that a concussion is not just a ding, or getting your bell rung, but it is an injury to the brain," said Dr. Mark Halstead of Washington University, who co-authored an earlier concussion report for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Concussions "need to be treated as if they are a big deal. The brain is pretty important."

Signs of a concussion include unconsciousness, unsteadiness, problems with memory or concentration, dizziness or headache.



In this file photo taken Oct. 16, 2010, Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett (15) reacts after being injured on a pass attempt in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Auburn, in Auburn, Ala., Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010.

ness or headache.

The neurology academy is the most authoritative medical group when it comes to concussions. And its new advice sweeps across all ages and types of athletes.

Certified athletic trainers now work at about 40 percent of the nation's high schools but are rarely provided for athletes in younger grades, said Kev-

in Guskiewicz of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the lead author of the National Athletic Trainers' Association statement on managing concussions. Guskiewicz said it would be a struggle to find enough athletic trainers to meet the neurologists' recommendation.

Jim Louro, a league safety officer for the Jersey Shore Pop Warner Football

League, said his league already pays emergency medical technicians to attend games and an ambulance is often on site. Coaches must have specialized training to handle injuries, he said. His league has about 8,000 football players ages 5 to 15.

Nationwide, millions of children and teens play football, he said, and "to have a certified athletic trainer at every single event around the country is very difficult, although they would be more than welcome if they're available."

Rick Bowden, assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, said the neurologists' recommendation is "a laudable goal (but) there is no way that could happen in our state."

"There are not enough certified athletic trainers out there, and then there's the expense.... Our member schools have to balance what is desirable with what is possible."

Last week, a 17-year-old Kansas linebacker collapsed on the sidelines and later died after suffering a concussion earlier in the season. A cause of death has not been released. Bowden said he understood that a doctor had approved the boy's return to competition.

Certified trainers take a minimum of four years of training and pass a national certification exam, a much more rigorous procedure than faced by an EMT or a youth sports coach, Guskiewicz said.

Kutcher said the academy's current full guidelines on managing concussions, written in 1997, are inadequate. Experts hope to publish new guidelines by 2012, following a careful review of published studies, he said.

The academy's new statement released Monday is meant to offer guidance in the meantime for child and adult athletes, he said.

Major U.S. sports leagues have already taken steps to reduce head injuries and improve treatment for concussions.

Last December, after reports of research on older NFL players suggested a higher risk for Alzheimer's, the NFL

expanded the list of concussion symptoms that would keep a player off the field and ordered teams to consult a neurologist on return-to-play decisions. This season the league cracked down on helmet-to-helmet hits by raising fines and threatening players with suspension for such collisions.

In March, the National Hockey League banned shoulder hits to the head from a player's blind side. Major League Baseball is setting up a new advisory panel on concussions, which will consider a seven-day disabled list just for head injuries. And in college sports, the NCAA's board of directors in April approved new rules on concussions, saying players must be evaluated by a medical professional experienced in dealing with such injuries.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body at the youth and amateur levels, worked with federal authorities to produce a video about concussions that is now part of its coaching certification exam.

In September, the U.S. House voted to have experts draw up federal guidelines on handling concussions in school-aged children. The bill awaits further action. Last year Washington state barred athletes younger than 18 with concussion symptoms from returning to their sports without clearance from a licensed health care provider and several other states have followed suit.

Kutcher pointed to recent studies that suggest long-term consequences like decreased mental ability, dementia, depression, anxiety and changes in personality as helping draw attention to the risk of concussions.

It's long been known that repeated head blows can cause brain degeneration in boxers, he said, but "the degree to which it appears to be happening in other contact sports ... is the new thing."

Another factor is "a change in how society views it too, which I think certainly started at the top, with the attention the NFL was getting," he said. "That has filtered down to the other levels."

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—For some veggies-hating children, Happy Meals won't be so happy anymore.

San Francisco's Board of Supervisors voted 8-3 on Tuesday to approve an ordinance that would limit toy giveaways in fast food children's meals that have excessive calories, sodium and fat. It also requires servings of fruits or vegetables with each meal.

If it survives an expected veto from Mayor Gavin Newsom, San Francisco would become the first major city in the country to pass such a law aimed at curbing childhood obesity. It would go into effect December 2011 if supervisors again approve it after Newsom's veto.

A similar ordinance has been approved in California's Santa Clara County, where it affected

## SF approves law requiring healthier kiddie meals

about a dozen restaurants.

Supervisors and activists who support the measure said they hoped obesity-curbing efforts like it would eventually spread to other cities, states and the country.

"From San Francisco to New York, the epidemic of childhood obesity in this country is making people sick, making our kids sick, particularly kids from low-income neighborhoods," said Supervisor Eric Mar, who proposed the law.

McDonald's Corp. representatives, who say the law would take the joy out of the Happy Meal, derided the vote outside of lawmakers' chambers at City Hall. The company also said the law threatens business and restricts parents'



In this Oct. 1, 2010 file photo, a Happy Meal box and toy are shown outside of a McDonald's restaurant in San Francisco.

ability to make choices for their children.

The ordinance includes an amendment indicating that it

their marketing to children.

Scott Rodrick, an owner and operator of 10 McDonald's restaurants in the city, said after the vote that "there will be sales loss, there may be jobs impacted, and I know the city of San Francisco will lose tax income to people wanting a McDonald's experience without government intervention."

But 13-year-old David Sanchez, of San Francisco, said getting rid of the toy giveaway in the meals shouldn't deter sales.

"I think they don't really need to put the toy in," said David, who added that he eats the occasional Happy Meal and supports the new law. "If the kids want the toys, they can still get the toys."

Rodrick said none of his

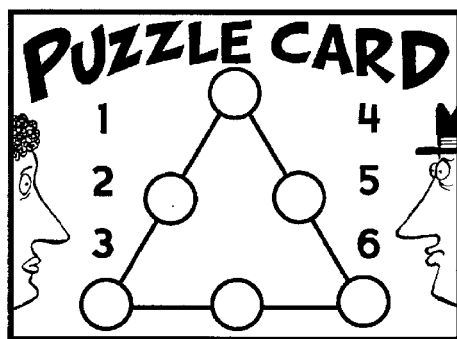
current menu items would be allowed under the nutritional guidelines in the ordinance. Those standards have been criticized by the company, who said proponents lack the evidence to support the claim that they would help reduce obesity.

Rodrick also pointed out that anyone could circumvent the law easily: "Someone doesn't have to travel very far—a mile outside San Francisco—to get the traditional McDonald's Happy Meals experience."

Concepcion Dawes, a 20-year-old mother of a 2-year-old, said she supports the ordinance—anything to help lessen the food's appeal.

"Fast food is really fattening, and it's really addicting, and sometimes it's hard to tell a child no," she said.





**A TRICKY TRIANGLE!** Can you place the digits 1 through 6 in the circles in our Puzzle Card so that the sum of the three numbers along each side will be the same?

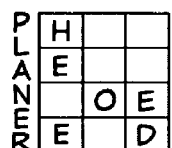
Our answer: Starting with the top circle and going around clockwise: 6, 1, 5, 3, 4, 2. The sum will be 12.

**CAN YOU 'BREAK' THIS COMBINATION?** In this AlphaMath puzzle, you must replace the letters on our safe with the digits 1 through 9 so that you will have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try for the highest possible total in five minutes.



Our answer: L=8, O=7, C=2, K=6, E=1, Y=5, S=9, A=3, F=4 (8726 + 615 = 9341).

**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square on the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out "PLANER." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

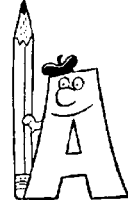
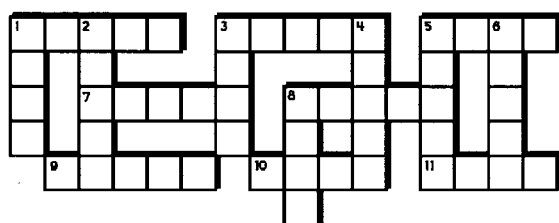


Answers: (Across) 1. Hap, eel, end, (Down): Here, aeon, pled.



by Charles Barry Townsend

AN "A" WORDS FILL-IN PUZZLE!



Below are the 15 "A" words you'll need to complete the puzzle grid above. Use the trial-and-error method, and keep an eraser handy!

ACED AMBER ANKLE  
AFAR AMBLE ANON  
AGAIN AMEBA APER  
ALPS AMIGO ARENA  
AMASS ANGST AWAY

Answers: (Across) 1. Amass, 3. Ameba, 5. Away, 7. Amigo, 8. Amble, 9. Angst, 10. Aper, 11. Aced. (Down) 1. Afar, 2. Again, 3. Anon, 4. Amber, 5. Arena, 6. Ankle, 8. Alps.

## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was British playwright Tom Stoppard who made the following observation: "Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art."

■ You've probably had some experience with hail at some point in your life, but probably not with hail like this: The heaviest recorded hailstone in the world fell in Bangladesh in 1986; it weighed a whopping 2.25 pounds. The largest hailstone, which fell earlier this year in South Dakota, measured 8 inches in diameter. Be glad your car—or your head—wasn't in the way.

■ William Henry Harrison, the country's sixth commander-in-chief, had the shortest tenure of any United States president. He died of pneumonia just 32 days after taking office.

■ In 1666, the Great Fire of London destroyed 13,200 homes, 87 parish churches and St. Paul's Cathedral, and it left some 70,000 people homeless. It also provided the impetus for the beginning of the insurance industry. After the conflagration, Nicholas Barbon, a well-to-do doctor, realized how much of his wealth was flammable. A year after the Great Fire, he began the world's first insurance company.

■ The men and women who venture into space have to adapt themselves to changing environments both when they enter space and when they return home. Many astronauts and cosmonauts say that one of the most difficult things to adjust to when returning to Earth from space is the fact that when you let go of something, it falls to the ground.

■ If you're a longtime football fan, you might not be surprised to learn that between 1983 and 2006, the average weight of NFL players rose by 10 percent.

Thought for the Day: "Eighty percent of married men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe."—Jackie Mason

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## MAGIC MAZE • MOVING ABOUT

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Float Ramble Stagger Trek  
Jaunt Range Stray Wander  
Journey Roam Tour

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

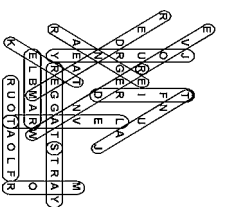
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### MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



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### GO FIGURE ANSWER

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## Fleas aren't always obvious

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My 6-month-old Lab mix, "Charlie," scratches and bites at his fur a lot. This started a couple of weeks ago, and he scratches most of the day. Does he have fleas? I can't see any.—**Darlene H., Baton Rouge**

**DEAR DARLENE:** It's entirely possible for your pet to have fleas without you being able to see them or experiencing their itchy bites yourself. If there is one telltale indicator of infestation, however, it's "flea dirt": tiny black flecks in his fur or on his skin that look kind of like black pepper. But he may not even have that, at first.

Charlie also could be having an allergic reaction to something. He could even have a flea or two and be having an allergic reaction to their bites. You can check for this by looking at the skin of his hind legs and at the base of his tail. Are there small red bumps raised there?

If you find evidence of fleas but no other problems (like allergic reaction, infected scratch marks, etc.), treat Charlie for fleas and monitor him more closely than usual for a few weeks to make sure scratching does not resume. In addition, treat your home and entry-



ways to prevent fleas and increase the number of times per week you vacuum (and be sure to change the vacuum bag frequently too).

If you can't find fleas or their evidence, or he keeps scratching after treatment, take Charlie to the veterinarian to look for other problems like allergies, skin disease or a hidden illness.

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## Table favors set sail at Thanksgiving feast

Let the children in your house help prepare for your Thanksgiving gathering by making pilgrim ship table favors from walnut shells. As guests arrive at your home on Thanksgiving Day, they can write tiny notes that show appreciation for people present at the gathering and tuck them into the ships for all to read when seated at the table.

### Here the stuff you'll need:

- Fresh walnuts in the shell (enough for each guest to have a half)
- Nutcracker
- Toothpicks
- White household glue, glue gun or modeling clay
- Construction paper for the sails
- Plain-white or colored paper, cut into 1-inch-by-2-inch pieces
- Scissors
- Pen and pencils

### Here's the fun in three easy steps:

1. Crack the fresh walnuts to get two perfect halves, pick out the nuts for a yummy and healthy snack, and then use the shells to create the pilgrim ship place cards for your Thanksgiving table.
2. Next, cut the construction paper into 1-1/2-inch triangular or rectangular pieces to create sails for the miniature ships, and write the name of a guest or family member on each one.
3. Thread a toothpick through each "sail," and then poke the toothpick into the empty center of a walnut-shell half. Add a drop of glue, use a glue gun or secure the toothpick in place with a small wad of modeling clay. Make a ship for each person who will be dining with you, and place it beside the appropriate plate at your table on Thanksgiving Day.

As guests arrive, your kids may give each person several small paper squares and a pen. Invite everyone to write short Thanksgiving statements showing appre-



ciation for people present at the gathering. For example, "I'm thankful Uncle Ted tells funny jokes," "I'm thankful my nephew Josh helps me with my computer" or "I'm thankful for Aunt Linda's yummy pumpkin pies." Roll the papers into tight scrolls and place them in the ship where the person who will be receiving the note will be sitting.

As the meal begins, listen as everyone at the table shares the kind messages tucked in their ships.

Extra tip: Purchase plenty of fresh walnuts and keep them in a bowl with a nutcracker. Crack them open now and then, and set aside the contents for a healthy fall salad, or add to the turkey stuffing on Thanksgiving Day.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Life & Style

## Ricky Martin on coming out and coming into his own

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY  
AP MUSIC WRITER

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Ricky Martin knew his sexuality was the subject of speculation in the celebrity world for years. Still, he never confirmed that he was gay until his tweet heard 'round the world earlier this year for one simple reason: He just wasn't ready.

"I wasn't living a lie," insists Martin, who at 38 still looks like the heartthrob who made hearts flutter when he was a teen in the band Menudo and later as a global pop sensation.

"I was living my life at the moment, very fast. I started in the music business when I was 12 years old and I did not stop until 2003, until I took a moment to step out of the spotlight and really analyze what my life was about," he said in an interview Tuesday.

Much of that analysis is included in his autobiography, "Me," released this week. The book is dedicated to his 2-year-old twins, Matteo and Valentino, who inspired him to finally be open about the life he leads.

It's taken some time, but now he's truly comfortable with all aspects of Ricky Martin.

"Before I used to walk in the room and turn on the television, turn on the radio, my headphones—I needed the noise," he said. "Now, it's OK to be in silence because I guess I am not running away from anything. For me, just that is a blessing."

**The Associated Press: Had you considered coming out before this year?**

**Martin:** Everybody has to go through their own process, spiritual peace, to be able to stand in front of the mirror and look at yourself and start asking questions and say, "This is

you, and lift your head up high and be happy about it and be proud." But the most important thing was my children. My children gave me the strength. Like I would say, "What am I going to tell them, teach them how to lie?" No, that's not how I want my kids to grow. I want my kids to grow transparent.

**AP: Do you think Latino culture is less accepting of gay culture, and do you think coming out makes it easier for other gay Latinos and Latinas?**

**Martin:** Homophobia is a global issue. It's not something that only happens in the (United) States or in Latin America, it's all over the world. I came out because I had the need to pretty much be free and be happy with myself. ... I received a lot of e-mails and I received a lot of tweets from people that said, "You know what Ricky, thank you so much because you gave me the strength ..." And

that feels amazing. But we have to stop the hate. Like I say in my book, I don't know if it was because of my culture, I don't know if it was my own fear. I was afraid of fear, I was afraid of rejection, and life is too short.

**AP: Over the years there had been rumors you were gay. Did it make it easier for you, or when you heard that, did it make you not want to come out?**

**Martin:** Unfortunately, the way it was treated, my sexuality with some members of the media, it was treated with a very shallow lens, it was viewed through a very, very disrespectful (lens) at times. And I would get really angry. I would say, "No, that's not me." And you know what, it would push me away from ever coming out. And I think that's a problem society is facing. Sometimes you turn on the television or you listen to the radio, or (read) the newspaper,

and there's a very, very weird comment. They describe homosexuality or the character of a homosexual as a one-dimensional person who is very stereotypical, and that's not right. Stereotypes are not wrong, they are just half of the story, and yes it did push me away from accepting myself. I don't think it's right to force someone to come out.

**AP: How did your spiritual awakening play a part in the person you are today?**

**Martin:** I grew up Catholic. ... I respect all religions, they all have their beauty. But there was a moment in my life where I really needed to disconnect and step out of the spotlight for a while and just travel and be myself and

find silence, because my life was very hectic, so I went to India. ... Then I found yoga and then I started meditating, so I spent many, many months focusing every day just on meditation, and it liberated me in many ways, so that's part of me today.

**AP: Do you ever wish to relive the mania of the "Livin' la Vida Loca" times?**

**Martin:** It was time for me to step back. ... I was giving so much that I was literally drained. Do I want that back? It was beautiful; I felt like the king of the world. I felt very powerful, but everything that I've done, I'm grateful. It's not about what happened 10 years ago, it's where I'm at today.



## Bieber promotes his book, talks music, God, hair

By SANDY COHEN  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Justin Bieber might be the modern king of all media.

The teen heartthrob has the Web wired—he's a YouTube discovery with almost 6 million followers on Twitter. He makes hit music, with an album and concert tour in the nation's top 20 and a new album on the way in a few weeks. He's got a movie coming out early next year, and on Sunday, he drew enough fans to temporarily shut down a Barnes & Noble bookstore where he promoted his autobiography, "First Step 2 Forever: My Story."

More than 1,000 teen and tween girls, a handful of boys, and their parents waited in a long line that snaked through the popular Grove shopping center for a chance to meet the shaggy-haired Canadian singer. All had secured wristbands days earlier when they bought Bieber's book, a photo-packed hardcover about his rise to fame



AP  
Musician Justin Bieber poses for a portrait while promoting his new book, "Justin Bieber: First Step 2 Forever", in Los Angeles, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010.

that sells for \$21.99.

The store closed its doors and blocked them with black curtains as fans streamed in to collect their signed books and pose for a photo with the 16-year-old star.

Before the fan-demonium began ("Oh my God, he touched my hair!" one girl said), Bieber

talked about his book and his future ambitions.

**The Associated Press: Your fans know your story, why tell them again in a book?**

**Bieber:** I don't know if they know it completely. I've never gotten the chance to really tell them myself. I've told them in interviews and people have written articles, but it's not really from me. I was able to write all my thoughts down and basically tell them, basically, how I'm feeling, you know? Just different stuff like that.

**AP: One revelation is your religion and faith. How do you reconcile that with the temptations of Hollywood?**

**Bieber:** Hollywood is ... a scary place. There's a lot going on, there's a lot of bad things, but there's also a lot of good things. I'm able to live my dream, I'm able to do a lot of good things. Basically, I don't even consider religion. Like, I'm a Christian, I believe in God, I believe that Jesus died on a cross for my sins. I believe that I have a relationship

and I'm able to talk to him and really, he's the reason I'm here, so I definitely have to remember that. As soon as I start forgetting, I've got to click back and be like, you know, this is why I'm here.

**AP: You've accomplished a lot already. Where do you see things going for you?**

**Bieber:** I see myself being like, 30, like, married, like, probably. I don't know. It seems far away for me. But I want to be a young dad. I don't want to be old and not be able to kick around the soccer ball, you know? ... I see myself making a smooth transition from being a teenage, um, you know, teenage heartthrob basically to, you know, to an adult singer. I want to make that smooth transition, kind of like Usher or Justin Timberlake did it.

**AP: And keep music your focus?**

**Bieber:** Exactly. People are always like, 'So, your hair is your trademark' and stuff. I'm like, no. My voice is my trademark, you know?

## Conan O'Brien ready to break in cozy new studio

By LYNN ELBER  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)**—Conan O'Brien is ready to reach out and touch the audience in his cozy new studio - if the lawyers don't stop him.

O'Brien says he wanted an intimate atmosphere for his late-night TBS show, which launches 11 p.m. EST Monday. At NBC's "Tonight Show," he was given a large studio that held more than 300 people. For "Conan," O'Brien is holding court in a smaller, 250-seat house and will stand about a dozen feet away from the audience during his opening monologue.

"I really want to be able to walk over and touch people, which probably I'm going to

get in trouble for. I'm finding out through my lawyers that not everybody likes that," O'Brien joked.

It was his post-"Tonight" comedy and music tour that pointed him toward a smaller set, one that evokes the atmosphere of theater spaces in which he played nationally, O'Brien said. The audience seats are on a sharper rake, or slant, than usual to add to the studio's theater ambiance.

"I really like the feeling of a theater and I liked the sense that the show had a 'this is happening right now feel,'" O'Brien said. "Sometimes in television you can get separated from the

audience, there can be a distance, kind of a 'you all just sit back and be quiet while I do my thing.'"

Otherwise, the Warner Bros. studio is decorated talk-show traditional, with a desk for O'Brien and sofa for his guests. The set is clean and simple, with the dominant feature a nighttime seascape depicting the California coast under the glow of a full moon.

In a flip-flop from "Tonight," the "Conan" show house band will be to O'Brien's right, with guest musicians performing to his left.

The studio, with adjoining dressing rooms for O'Brien,

sidekick Andy Richter and the show's guests, was built in three months, Drew Shane, a spokesman for the show, said. That's in contrast to the lengthy and costly construction for O'Brien's "Tonight" studio that he used for a mere seven months.

He left the show rather than move his time slot back a half hour to allow Jay Leno to return to late-night after Leno's prime-time comedy venture flopped.

Stage 15 has a long history, starting with "Goldiggers of 1935." It's also where the 1976 "A Star Is Born" with Barbra Streisand was shot, as well as "All the President's Men" and "Ocean's Eleven."

For "Conan," the Monday debut guests will be Seth Rogen, Lea Michele and Jack White.

**BURBANK, California (AP)**—Paula Abdul spent eight seasons searching for the next "American Idol." Now she's looking for folks who "Live to Dance."

The former "Idol" sweetheart is executive producing and leading the expert panel on CBS' new all-ages dance competition, which premieres Jan. 4 and is poised to cha-cha-cha alongside Fox's "Idol" on some nights.

Abdul will be joined by Michael Jackson's "This Is It" choreographer Travis Payne and former Pussycat Dolls member Kimberly Wyatt, who also served as a judge on the show's British predecessor, "Got to Dance." Abdul promised this incarnation will be much less cut-throat, though 18 final acts will ultimately shake it for a \$500,000 grand prize.

In a recent interview during a break from the show's West Coast open auditions, the bubbly, often-rambling 48-year-old former Laker girl discussed whether she'll be tuning into the upcoming 10th season of "Idol," and compared "Live to Dance" to all those other reality TV dance competitions.

**AP: What kind of dancers have you seen so far in the audition process?**

**Abdul:** We've had amazing 5-, 6- and 7-year-old dancers all the way up to beautiful dancers in their 60s, 70s and even 80s that still live in that passionate, unique place where dance inspires them. If you get to do that life, your life is so much richer.

**AP: Why did you decide to do another reality TV talent competition?**

**Abdul:** I felt strongly that when I left "American Idol," I really needed to take time to rediscover where my passion lies. ... For me, if I didn't check off one of the boxes on my bucket list that I was involved in a dance show, I don't know if that would sit really well with me.

**AP: How do you feel that "Live to Dance" will likely go up against "American Idol" when it premieres next year?**

**Abdul:** My whole life has been about ironies and metaphors and things like that. I'm excited about it. I do feel they're two completely separate shows. The irony of it is my experience—one family to a new family. For me, I celebrate having shows that are a platform for raw, untapped talent. In my mind, there can never be too many of those shows.

**AP: Will you be watching the new season of "Idol" with new judges Steven Tyler and Jennifer Lopez?**

**Abdul:** I absolutely will. DVR. I watched the last season objectively as a fan. Look, I was part of that family for nine years of my life. With Jennifer and Steven coming in, they're seasoned veterans. Randy's at the helm, and Ryan's still there. ... I hope they're experiencing great talent and having a good time.

**AP: You were known as the nice, sometimes zany judge on "Idol." What kind of judge will you be on this show?**

**Abdul:** Well, I'm not a judge at all. In fact, coming onto this show, I said, "We need to get rid of the judging aspect. I need to lead a panel of experts." ... It's not so much about judging the acts as it is about, "How are we going to help these acts as leading experts, either with their next audition or if they move forward in this competition?"

**AP: How else will "Live to Dance" be different from other reality TV dancing competitions?**

**Abdul:** People keep saying, "I'm sure you're getting some crazy acts auditioning!" Crazy and kooky can exist in this show only if it's backed up by the chops of amazing techniques and skills. I'm all for being left of center and being different but not for the sake of just trying to get on television.



Abdul



## ‘Bachelorette’ contestant found dead in California



AP  
In this May 22, 2010 file photo, Julien Hug, a former contestant on the ABC series “The Bachelorette” is shown at a Habitat for Humanity event in Pacoima, Ca.

**PALM DESERT, Calif.** (AP)—The body of a contestant on “The Bachelorette” reality TV show was found along a scenic Southern California highway two days after his family lost contact with him, a family spokeswoman said Thursday.

Julien Hug’s body was found Wednesday, said Audrey Doherty, a family publicist. The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department said in a statement late Thursday that foul play was not suspected.

Hug had been on his way to help manage his family’s newest restaurant, Augusta Modern, in Palm Desert when his cell phone ran out of power, Doherty said. No one had heard from him since, she said.

“They’re just heartbroken about it, but they’re hoping to mourn privately,” Doherty said. “It’s pretty devastating.”

Riverside County Sheriff’s Sgt. Joe Borja said a body was found in the remote Pinyon Pines area off Highway 74 in Riverside County, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles. The department confirmed Hug’s identity but did not release a cause of death.

The Palm Desert restaurant had a soft opening a few weeks ago and Hug commuted from his home in San Diego, Doherty said. People who answered the phones at two Hug family restaurants declined to comment and referred calls to Doherty.

Hug was a contestant in May 2009 on “The Bachelorette,” a spinoff of ABC’s competitive dating show, “The Bachelor.” Jillian Harris passed him over for Ed Swiderski.

The Hug family owns two of the San Diego area’s best-known and priciest restaurants: Bertrand at Mr. A’s in San Diego, and Mille Fleurs, which serves French cuisine in the ultra-wealthy suburb of Rancho Santa Fe. A restaurant website says Julien Hug is the host at Mille Fleurs.

Hug was an avid skydiver who liked ocean swimming and scuba diving.

## Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo are engaged



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Wedding bells will ring again for one-time “Newlyweds” star Nick Lachey. A rep for Lachey says the singer and TV personality is engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Vanessa Minnillo.

The couple said in a statement released Thursday through publicist Jessica Berger that they’re “excited and incredibly happy” about their engagement. They didn’t announce a wedding date.

The 36-year-old Lachey was previously married to Jessica Simpson, and the two starred in an MTV reality show about their lives together, called “Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica.” Lachey now serves as host of NBC’s “The Sing-Off.”

The 29-year-old Minnillo is the host of ABC’s “True Beauty.”

The engagement was first reported by Us magazine.

AP  
In this May 13, 2009 file photo, singer Nick Lachey, left, and television personality Vanessa Minnillo are shown at the Maxim Hot 100 party in Santa Monica, Calif.

## New Michael Jackson album is coming out this December



AP  
In this CD cover image released by Epic Records, newly completed recordings from Michael Jackson entitled “Michael,” is shown. The CD will be released on Dec. 14.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Get ready for more Michael Jackson music.

Sony Records and Jackson’s estate announced Thursday that they’ll be releasing “Michael” on Dec. 14. The album is billed as “newly completed recordings” from the pop legend who died last year.

The first single is called “Breaking News” and will be streamed on <http://www.michaeljackson.com> starting Monday for one week. A teaser of the song will appear on the site Friday.

Jackson recorded “Breaking News” in 2007. The statement says it was “recently brought to completion.”

Jackson was known for recording dozens of tracks for his albums and had a substantial trove of unreleased music.

## Aretha Franklin cancels appearances through May

**DETROIT (AP)**—Aretha Franklin is canceling all concert dates and personal appearances through May on the orders of her doctors, the singer’s spokeswoman said Thursday.

The news came two days after the announcement that Franklin had been released over the weekend from a Detroit hospital following a brief stay. Publicist Tracey Jordan said Tuesday Franklin was “resting comfortably at home, but is anxious to get back on the road to perform for her countless fans around the world.”

Jordan wouldn’t say Thursday whether the events were

related, nor did she offer any details about the 68-year-old Franklin’s condition.

“Her doctors have required her” to cancel the appearances, Jordan told The Associated Press.

It’s been a tumultuous several months for the Queen of Soul, whose hits include “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman,” “Chain of Fools” and her signature song, “Respect.”

Her adult son, Eddie, was beaten by three men at a Detroit gas station in September. And a month earlier, she broke ribs in a fall, causing her to miss two free concerts in New York.

## iTunes TOP TEN

iTunes’ top 10 selling singles and albums of the week ending Oct. 18, 2010:

### SINGLES:

1. “Back to December,” Taylor Swift
2. “Like a G6,” The Cataracs, Far East Movement, Dev
3. “Just a Dream,” Nelly
4. “Just the Way You Are,” Bruno Mars
5. “Only Girl (In the World),” Rihanna
6. “Raise Your Glass,” P!nk
7. “Club Can’t Handle Me (feat. David Guetta) (From “Step Up 3D”),” Flo Rida
8. “DJ Got Us Fallin’ In Love,” Usher
9. “Dynamite,” Taio Cruz
10. “Bottoms Up (feat. Nicki Minaj),” Trey Songz

### ALBUMS:

1. “Charleston, SC 1966,” Darius Rucker
2. “BTR,” Big Time Rush
3. “I Am Not a Human Being,” Lil Wayne
4. “Free Wired,” Far East Movement
5. “Sigh No More,” Mumford & Sons
6. “Recovery,” Eminem
7. “Doo-Wops & Hooligans,” Bruno Mars
8. “The Age of Adz,” Sufjan Stevens
9. “The Rock and the Tide,” Joshua Radin
10. “For We Are Many,” All That Remains

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## Serious student seeks time out from friends’ chitchat

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m a junior in high school and taking multiple AP classes. With all the homework we’re assigned, I sometimes need to use lunchtime to finish assignments. My problem is my friends follow me into the school library and talk to me while I’m working. Their constant chatter is distracting and prevents me from concentrating on my assignments.

I don’t neglect my friends. I spend hours outside of school with them every week. But I’d rather be left alone when I’m trying to work. My friends don’t understand that I’m more focused on academics and long-term goals than my short-term social life.

How can I politely get them to leave me alone when I’m working?

FOCUSED ON MY GOALS IN LOS ANGELES

**DEAR FOCUSED ON YOUR GOALS:** If you haven’t told your friends plainly how you feel and clearly drawn a line, you shouldn’t blame them for being clueless when they cross it. Tell them you need to concentrate when you’re in the library and that they are creating a problem for you. Not only will you be helping yourself, you’ll be doing a favor for other students who are trying to study and who are also being distracted.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 34-year-old woman, and still single. Many people like me enjoy their lives, but I don’t. I long to be married and to have a family. But because of my failures in the dating world I’m not optimistic about my chances.

The thought of marriage and family late in life frightens me, and I don’t want to raise a child as a single parent. So, at my age, is it likely I may never be married?

I would appreciate it if your readers could share how they were able to change circumstances like mine.

SINGLE STILL IN LITTLE ROCK

**DEAR SINGLE STILL:** Please do not resign yourself to singlehood quite yet. People are settling down and marrying later today for many reasons. Because you mentioned that the thought of marriage and family “later in life” frightens you, my inclination is to suggest that you discuss it with a psychologist or other licensed professional to see whether your fear may have been instrumental in causing your relationships to fail.

However, because you requested reader input regarding late marriage, I’m sure we’ll hear from them, generously sharing their experiences. I know several couples who married later in life, and they are compatible and happy. Readers, what do you have to say?

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**DEAR ABBY:** I was recently promoted to a new position at work, doing something I have always wanted to do. My supervisor and I are very different—almost polar opposites, in fact. But we get along great and work well together.

Because we have started working more closely, she is now beginning to consider me her friend, asking me to “hang out” and occasionally offering me recreational drugs. I love working with her, but I don’t want to hang out with her outside of work because of our differences. If something were to go wrong outside the office, it would affect our work relationship. How do I keep things strictly professional without offending her?

WARY ASSISTANT IN ARIZONA

**DEAR WARY ASSISTANT:** By telling her (with a smile) that your time to socialize is extremely limited and, as much as you enjoy working with her, you prefer to keep your work relationships strictly professional. And should the woman offer you a controlled substance, simply say, “No thank you.”

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**DEAR READERS:** It’s time for my “timely” reminder that daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday -- so don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed. (That’s what I’ll be doing.)

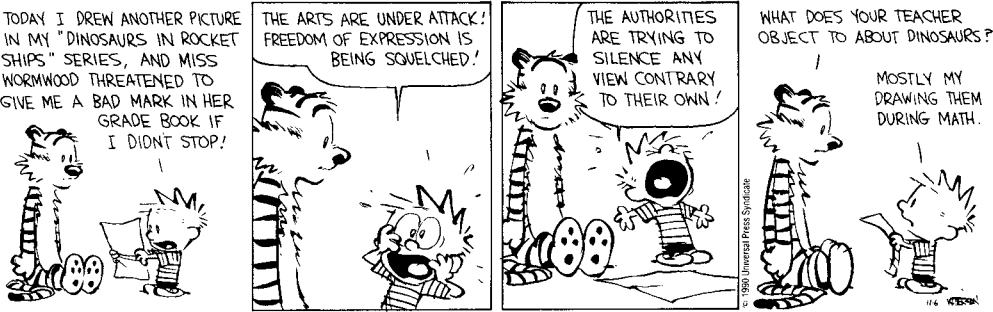
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Calvin and Hobbes



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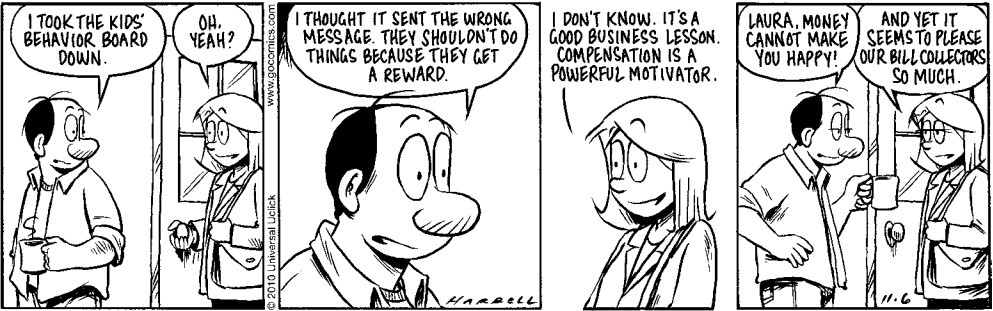


Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Collision

6 Got sore

11 Jenna Elfman TV role

12 Tiny

14 Eminem, for one

15 Finale

16 "Guinness Book" suffix

17 Irrate

19 Judge Lance

20 On

22 Second person

23 War god

24 Showed over

26 "No more wire —!"

28 Snapshot

30 Appomattox

31 Friendly

35 Provide

39 "A — home is ..."

**DOWN**

1 Pure

2 Bird of prey

3 Dadaist artist

4 Eurasian duck

5 Dwight's predecessor

6 True

7 Hexagonal state

8 Swab

9 Sovereign's domain

10 Hopeful loser?

11 Gloomy

13 Intersect

18 La-la lead-in

21 Half a 1960s quartet

23 Rep

25 Penpoint

27 Originally named

29 Less confusing

31 Stupefy

32 Spice mixture, in

33 Yoke

34 Slithery one

36 Get wet

37 Amphetamine

38 Tidal flood

41 Bottom point

44 DNA component

45 Logical

48 Glutton

50 — Beta

Kappa

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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AGAPE ARE ALI  
GONER MANATEE  
UNITED NEAR  
GEM FOR BASSO  
EVIL NASAL  
LATEST ISOMER  
ADOBE GAME  
FOLKS OVA NUB  
ERIE SWEETS  
MANDATE SUITE  
UTE SIR OBOES  
RED PRY PANTS

Yesterday's answer 11-6

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Ethan Hawke, 40; Maria Shriver, 55; Glenn Frey, 62; Sally Field, 64

**Happy Birthday:** Opportunities are boundless but you have to recognize them. Networking will be your game and drumming up interest and drawing people to help you get what you want will come effortlessly. Use your past and present experience to build a better future. Your numbers are 6, 13, 17, 26, 30, 38, 47

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Taking on a challenge will test your stamina but raise your level of awareness regarding your motives. A money venture has the potential to turn sour if you let your emotions get involved. Do the necessary research. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will make some adjustments to a relationship, ensuring a better understanding of your expectations. Long, heart-to-heart discussions will make you realize what life is truly about. Love is on the rise and a promise you've been waiting for will be made. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Criticism can be expected if you forget to do something you promised you'd take care of. Don't jeopardize your position because you are careless and do a sloppy job. A lack of trust will leave you in a no-win situation. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Utilize your time wisely and you will accomplish on all fronts. Do something that will boost your ego and make you feel good about the way you look. Socialize with friends or spend quality time with someone special. ★★

You are in a romantic cycle. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may have energy but, if you don't direct it properly, you are likely to end up in trouble with someone expecting something from you. A financial situation is bound to crop up if you or someone you love have overspent or hidden the cost of something. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Talk, share and make plans with someone you care about. Be careful while doing odd jobs or working with power tools, equipment or anything with the potential to cause injury. Add to your knowledge regarding different beliefs and lifestyles. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Look into professional possibilities and consider what you have to offer. Pick up information or skills that will make you more employable. Don't let anyone you live with or are close to dictate what you can and cannot do. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take charge and be creative and you will attract followers. Don't let anything deter you from moving in a direction that is right for you. Professional and personal partnerships are looking good. Make a deal, a promise or a vow. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Divulging information you've been given in secrecy will come back to haunt you. You will face a change at home or within your personal life that takes you by surprise and leaves you empty-handed. You may have to backtrack, regroup and rethink your next move. ★★

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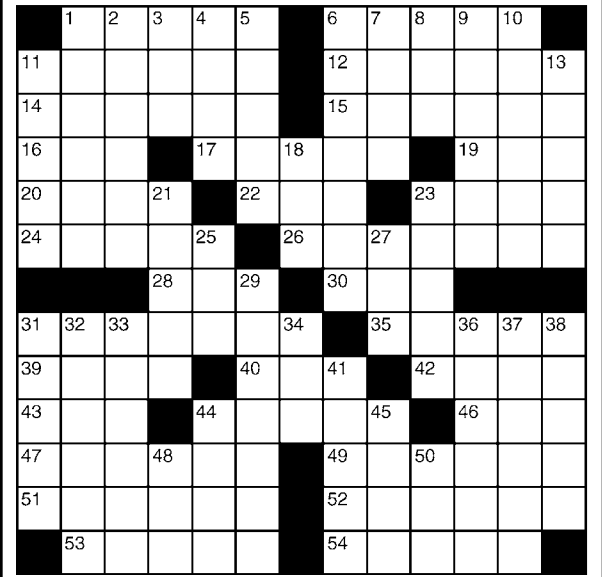
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your timing is impeccable and your ability to outmaneuver the competition is outstanding. Speak from the heart and share your thoughts. A false impression can lead to a costly mistake. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** As long as you give everyone his or her space, you will be able to do your own thing. A little hard work and discipline will pay off when the time comes to present what you've been working on. You'll reap financial rewards for what you've completed. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Money is heading in your direction along with gifts, contracts and opportunities that can change your life. Mingle with people in your field. A proposal you offered some time ago will be reconsidered. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are private and patient. You are a gracious winner. You are creative and always strive to be your best.

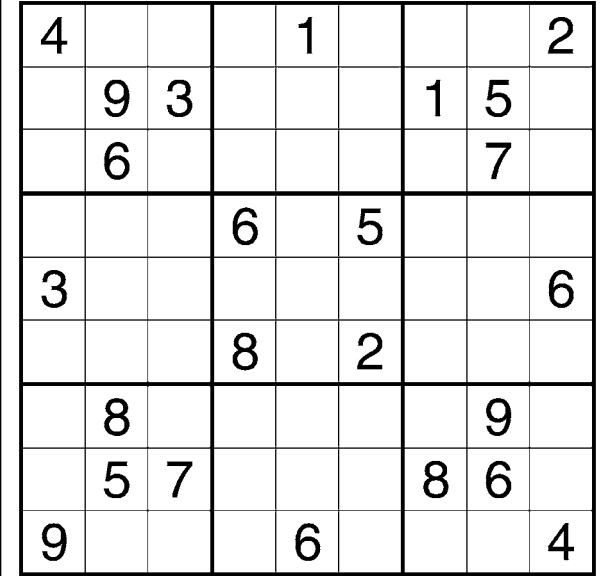
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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 11/06  
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4 1 9 5 2 7 3 8 6  
3 2 6 8 4 9 7 5 1  
5 8 7 1 3 6 9 4 2  
7 5 3 6 9 8 1 2 4  
8 9 2 4 7 1 5 6 3  
1 6 4 3 5 2 8 7 9  
9 7 1 2 8 4 6 3 5  
6 4 5 7 1 3 2 9 8  
2 3 8 9 6 5 4 1 7

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 11/05

**WONDERWORD®** By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**BOLLYWOOD MOVIES** Solution: 6 letters

L Y R I C I S T S O C I S U M  
O R M E N Y H C T A C M M S A  
O E O G H D C I P E B L W N L  
P B D Y H T I T U U A I O A E  
G M R P H C O A R K T F M S S  
N U A T I P T M N Z Y R E E T  
I N T D T M A A E A O B N T N  
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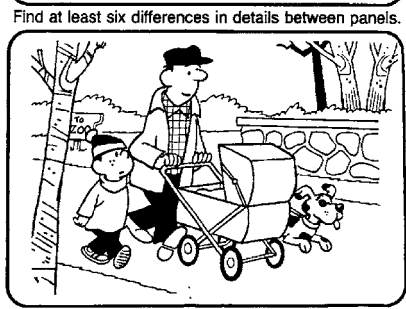
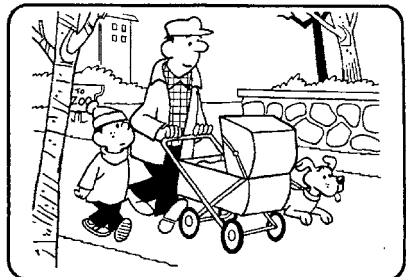
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**Yesterday's Answer: Housecheck**

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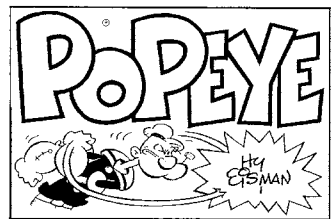
Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
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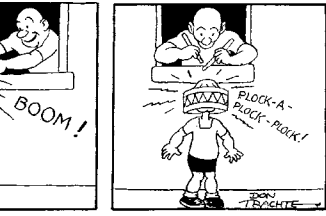
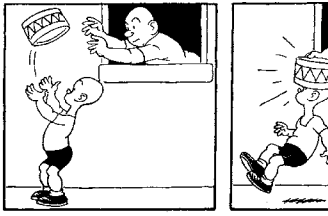
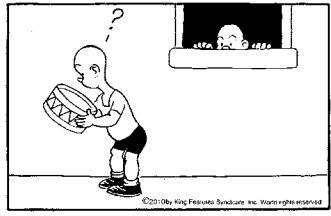
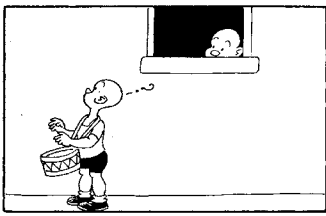
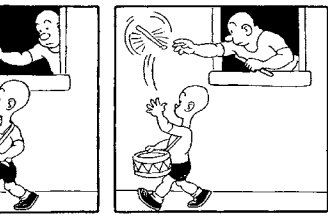
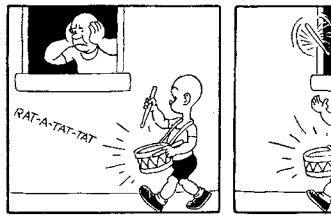
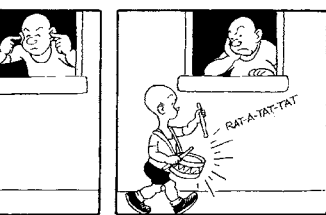
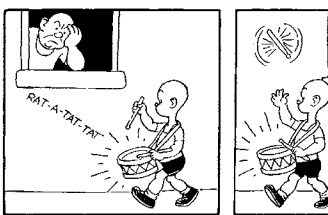
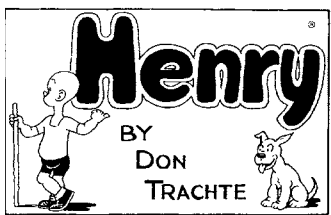
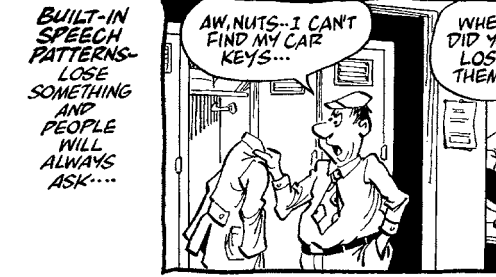
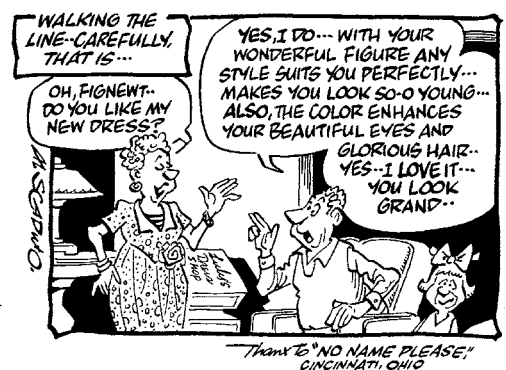
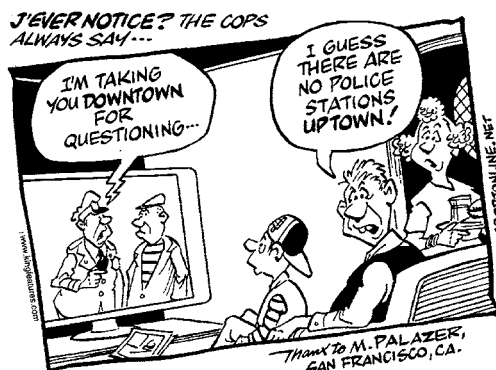
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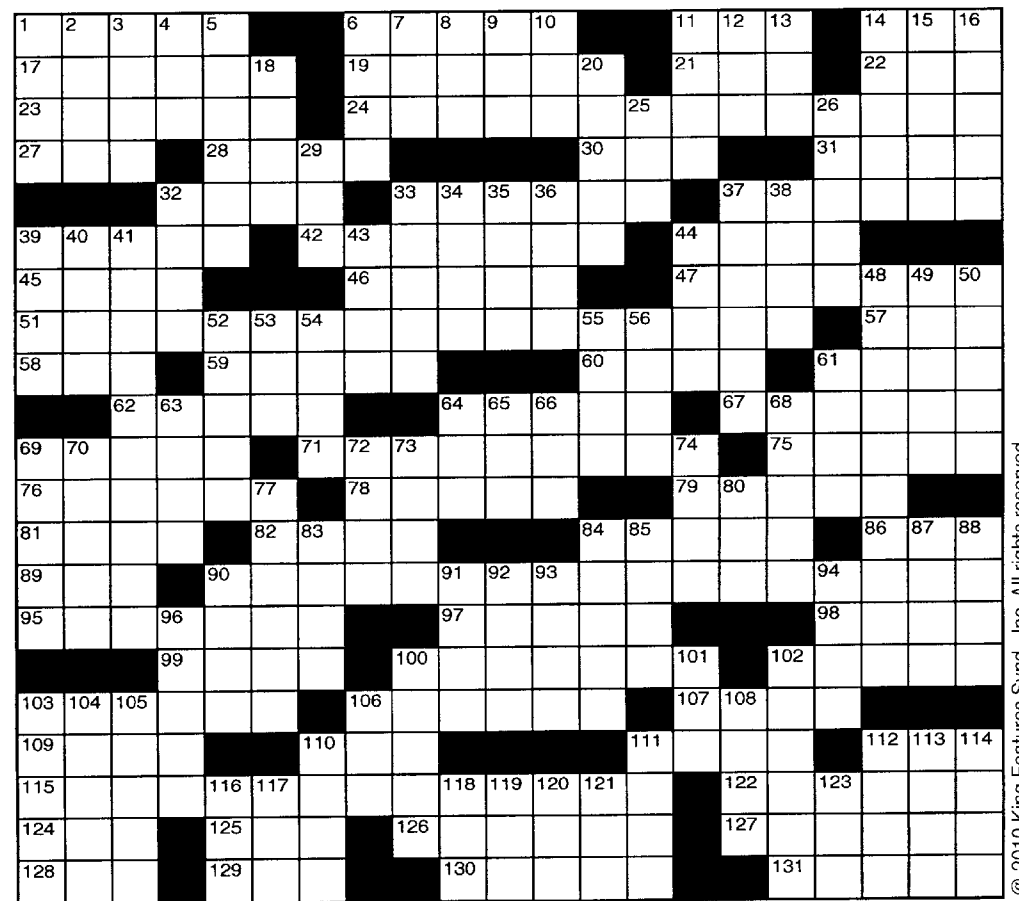
**They'll Do It Every Time**



**Super Crossword**

**PAIS IN COMPARISON**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Evaluated  
6 "Later, Luis!"  
11 Start to paint  
14 Reggae relative  
17 Vision-related  
19 acid  
21 Samuel's teacher  
22 Existed  
23 Queen Anne chair?  
24 Start of a remark by Mary  
27 Party animal?  
28 "Othello" villain  
30 "Miniver"  
31 Racer  
32 Presque  
33 Where to spend a krona  
37 It's on the bee's knees  
39 Disconcert  
42 Mosque feature  
44 Washer residue  
45 Raton, FL  
46 Malice  
47 Tombstone territory
- 51 Part 2 of remark  
57 Tin Tin  
58 From Z  
59 Brandy bottle  
60 84 Across, for one  
61 Without (daringly)  
62 "Thanks, Robespierre!"  
64 Happen  
67 Wipe out  
69 Furniture wood  
71 Hit rock bottom  
75 Ade ingredients  
76 Self-confidence  
78 Andes animal  
79 Ham up  
81 Gray or Moran  
82 Diva  
84 Senegal's capital  
86 At once  
89 Seixas of tennis  
90 Part 3 of remark  
95 Polished  
97 English county  
98 Rain hard?  
99 About  
100 store  
102 First in a series  
103 Perceptive
- 106 "Gunsmoke" star  
107 Muscat's nation  
109 Fawn's father  
110 Calculating person?  
111 Emulate  
112 Spring  
115 End of remark  
122 Summer hummer  
124 High peak  
125 Geologic division  
126 Ariel, for instance  
127 Like some watches  
128 Affirmative vote  
129 Combat  
130 Model of simplicity?  
131 Dote upon
- DOWN**
- 1 Actress Lillian  
2 Exercise aftermath  
3 Rotate  
4 Jeff Lynne's grp.  
5 Coffee accompaniment  
6 Choir member  
7 Dit's cousin  
8 Cola cooler  
9 Giant legend  
10 Round Table title  
11 Labor leader Eugene  
12 Out of sorts  
13 "American" (72 hit)  
14 Eddy  
15 Couric of "Today"  
16 Pallid  
18 Genuine  
20 Telescope view  
25 Keatsian crock  
26 Strauss specialty  
29 Something of value  
32 Author Dinesen  
33 Prowl  
34 Poverty  
35 Desire deified  
36 Actress Moore  
37 "Treasure Island" extra  
38 "I'm working"  
39 Eban of Israel  
40 Canvas contest  
41 Henchman  
43 Burly Burl  
44 Bolger/Haley  
48 Decorative  
49 Sib's kid  
50 Pays to play  
52 Violinist  
53 RN's specialty  
54 "I Am..."  
55 Trigger  
56 Trigger  
61 Throw (rage)  
63 North Carolina campus  
64 Locka, FL  
65 Machine part  
66 Security grp.  
68 Plants  
69 Novelist  
70 Taxing time?  
72 In addition  
73 Russian, for one  
74 Astronaut  
77 Charlotte, Emily, or Anne  
80 Jongg  
83 Kruger of "High Noon"  
84 Jim Morrison's group  
85 With  
87 Rock's  
88 Ridge  
90 Publisher Conde  
91 Idyllic area  
92 Actor Enriquez  
93 Surrealist Tanguy  
94 Tibia  
96 Measure  
100 Up for (available)  
101 Dachshund-like  
102 "The Magic Flute" heroine  
103 Examine  
104 Hackneyed  
105 Florida resort  
106 Gibbon or gorilla  
108 Isinglass  
110 Glinka's "A Life for the..."  
111 See 85 Down  
112 Sign of sainthood  
113 Bouquet  
114 Kid at court  
116 Whip up a waistcoat  
117 Author Levin  
118 Good times  
119 Dernier (latest fashion)  
120 Kipling novel  
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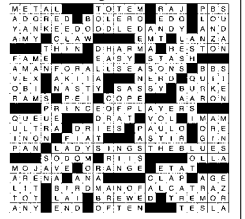
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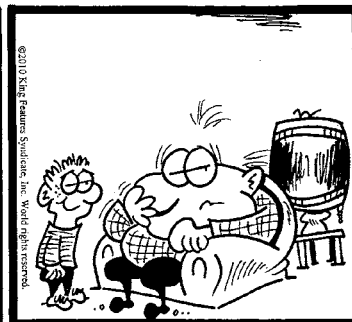
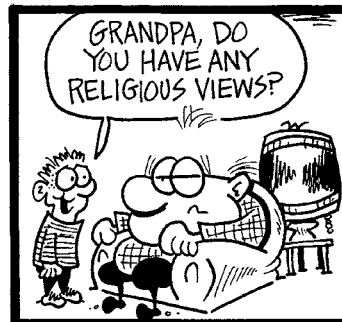
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# Hall of Fame manager Sparky Anderson dead at 76

By JOE KAY  
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Reds fans were taken aback when Sparky Anderson showed up in Cincinnati for his first day as a big league manager, an unknown taking over baseball's first professional team.

Sparky who?

Really?

By the time he was done, this man with the shock of white hair and schoolboy nickname would produce a considerable list of achievements that featured three World Series titles—including crowns in each league—and a Hall of Fame entry on his resume.

Anderson, who directed the Big Red Machine to back-to-back championships and won another in Detroit, died Thursday from complications of dementia in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was 76. A day earlier, his family said he'd been placed in hospice care.

Anderson was the first manager to win World Series titles in both leagues and the only manager to lead two franchises in career wins.

"Sparky was, by far, the best manager I ever played for," said former Reds star Pete Rose, the game's career hits leader. "He understood people better than anyone I ever met. His players loved him, he loved his players, and he loved the game of baseball. There isn't another person in baseball like Sparky Anderson. He gave his whole life to the game."

Anderson's teams in Cincinnati—featuring Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Rose—won crowns in 1975 and 1976 and rank among the most powerful of all time. Led by Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell, Anderson won with the Tigers in 1984.

"He was a good guy," former Tigers pitcher Jack Morris said, choking up over the news. "Baseball will have very few people like Sparky. He was a unique individual. He was a character with a great passion and love for the game."

Anderson never tried to overshadow his teams, giving his stars great leeway while trying to stay in the background. At Anderson's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service.

Always affable, ever talkative and known for a self-deprecating demeanor, Anderson was equally popular among players, fans and media.

"Revered and treasured by his players for his humility, humanity, eternal optimism and knowledge of the game," his Hall of Fame plaque reads.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig called Anderson a gentleman and dear friend.

"I recall with great fondness the many hours we would



In this 1974 file photo, Cincinnati Reds manager Sparky Anderson looks on during baseball spring training. Anderson, the Hall of Fame manager, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was 76.

spend together when his Tigers came to Milwaukee," Selig said. "Sparky was a loyal friend, and whenever I would be dealing with difficult situations as commissioner, he would lift my spirits, telling me to keep my head up and that I was doing the right thing."

The Reds put a photo of Anderson on their outfield video board at Great American Ball Park on Thursday afternoon, honoring the man who led them to their greatest moments.

"In one way or another, Sparky touched the life of every Reds fan," owner Bob Castellini said.

Anderson's win total of 2,194 was the third highest when he retired after the 1995 season, trailing only Connie Mack and John McGraw. He's still sixth on the career list—he won 863 games in nine years with the Reds and 1,331 in 17 seasons with the Tigers.

He'll be remembered as much for the little things that made him beloved as for the big numbers that made him a Hall of Famer.

"Being a good baseball player and person went hand-in-hand with him," said Alan Trammell, the 1984 World Series MVP who is Arizona's bench coach. "He wanted us to put our dirty clothes in the bin so that the clubhouse guys didn't have to pick up after us."

In many ways away from the field, he was a teacher.

"He had a lot to do with molding me professionally and taught me a lot about perseverance," Morris said.

Anderson knew all about perseverance.

George "Sparky" Anderson got his nickname in the minor leagues because of his spirited play. He made it to the majors for only one season, batting .218 for the Phillies in 1959.

Anderson learned to control a temper that nearly scuttled his fledgling career as a manager in the minors, and went on to become one of baseball's best at running a team. And he won with a humility that couldn't obscure his unique ability to manage people.

"I got good players, stayed out of their way, let them win a lot and then just hung around for 26 years," he said during his Hall of Fame acceptance speech in 2000.

Of course, there was a lot more to him. He liked to twist the language, using double-negatives to make a roundabout point. He also reassessed things constantly.

"To be around me, you have to be a little bit cuckoo," Anderson said on the day he resigned from the Tigers after the 1995 season. "One day it's written in concrete, the next

day it's written in sand. I always felt if I didn't change my mind every 24 hours, people would find me boring."

Anderson's win total trails only those of Mack, McGraw, Tony La Russa, Bobby Cox and Joe Torre. His overall record was 2,194-1834 and he was a two-time AL Manager of the Year.

"Sparky was one of the greatest people I've met in baseball," Detroit Hall of Famer Al Kaline said. "He was a leader to his players both on and off the field. He was an incredible person and I cherish the time I was able to spend with him."

He had the right touch with superstars, and it came in handy when he led the star-studded Reds to World Series wins in 1975-76.

"He was a people person," Morgan, a Hall of Fame second baseman, told The Associated Press. "I don't think anybody else could have managed that team nearly as well as he did. We had a lot of different personalities. Sparky was able to deal with all of us on an individual basis but also collectively as a team."

"Because he was close to you and cared about you as a person, you were always willing to do more for him than you were for somebody else. I never thought of him as my manager. I thought of him as part of my family."

Anderson won four National League pennants in Cincinnati from 1970-78, then was stung when the Reds fired him after consecutive second-place finishes. Anderson took his disappointment to the other league and won there, too, directing the Tigers to the 1984 championship and a division title in 1987. He was voted into Cooperstown by the Veterans Committee.

Even then, he showed his usual self-deprecation. Anderson had refused to step foot inside the Hall until 2000 because he felt unworthy.

"I didn't ever want to go into the most precious place in the world unless I belonged," Anderson said.

For a long time, he was a long shot to make the Hall.

The only notable thing about Anderson as a player was his prematurely graying hair and his nickname. He was playing for Fort Worth in the Texas League in 1955 when a radio announcer, taken by his feisty play, started calling him Sparky.

The name stuck. He didn't. Anderson made it to the majors in 1959 and singled home the go-ahead run on opening day in Cincinnati, which turned out to be the highlight of his playing career. A light-hitting second baseman, he had 12 extra-base hits—zero home runs—and 34 RBIs in 477 at-bats.

He was back in the minors the next year, and soon realized it was time to think about another career.

He decided to try managing.

That almost flamed out, too. His first job was managing a minor league team in Toronto in 1964. He was overly aggressive in his strategy and argued every close call with umpires, showing a short fuse that soon got him fired. Cardinals general manager Bob Howsam gave him a second chance to manage in the minors, then moved to Cincinnati to build the Reds.

When he needed a big league manager there, he decided to call Anderson, who was shocked to get the chance. The youngest manager in the majors at age 35, he signed the \$28,500 contract—by far the most money he'd ever made—and set out to make himself known in a city asking: Sparky who?

"Bob Howsam either had to be nuts or have a lot of savvy," Anderson said. "As it turns out, he had a lot of savvy."

Howsam assembled one of the most talented teams of all time—Bench, Morgan, Rose, Tony Perez, Ken Griffey Sr., George Foster, Davey Concepcion. Anderson was charged with making it work.

Anderson's plaque in Cooperstown calls him "the crank that turned the Big Red Machine," and his players agree that it fit. Bench noted that Anderson treated his players respectfully and was always on top of game strategy.

"It's a lot like a chess game, and Sparky was a chess master," Bench said.

In Cincinnati, Anderson also got himself another nickname: Captain Hook, a reference to his habit of pulling a starting pitcher when he got into a jam late in a game. He also showed creativity in making lineup changes.

One of the most important moves: switching Rose from left field to third base on May 3, 1975, allowing Foster to play full-time in left. It was the final piece of the Machine, which beat Boston in a dramatic seven-game Series that year, then swept to another title while winning 108 games the following season.

Two second-place seasons led to a surprising firing. Anderson moved on to Detroit, where he had more longevity and added one more title.

He refused to manage replacement players during baseball's labor dispute in spring training of 1995, angering owner Mike Ilitch. He resigned after a 60-win season, saying the franchise needed a new direction. He hoped to manage somewhere else, but when an offer never came along, he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; sons Lee and Albert; daughter Shirley Englebrecht; and nine grandchildren.



# Top-ranked Westwood, Woods near lead in Shanghai



**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Lee Westwood spent his career trying to be No. 1. The way he played

Thursday in the HSBC Champions, it doesn't look as though he wants to give up his prized ranking after just one week.

Even as Francesco Molinari of Italy made a charge to a 7-under 65 for a one-shot lead, the focus in the final World Golf Championship of the year quickly shifted to what could be a prolonged and fascinating battle for No. 1.

In his debut as golf's top-ranked player, Westwood birdied some of the toughest holes at Sheshan International and showed hardly any signs of rust from playing in his second stroke-play tournament in three months. He finished with back-to-back birdies for a 66.

Two shots behind Westwood was Tiger Woods, without his No. 1 ranking for the first time in more than five years. Woods made a most improbable par from behind the bushes with a 4-iron he had to aim away from loose tree roots, which proved more satisfying than the three straight birdies that sent him to a 68.

Not to be forgotten is the defending champion, fourth-ranked Phil Mickelson, who rallied for a 69. PGA champion Martin Kaymer, the No. 3 player, opened with a 72.

Any of those four could go to No. 1 this week at the HSBC Champions, and it could just be getting started.

"You just basically asked me how long a piece of string is, I think," Westwood replied when asked when the crowd near the top of the ranking might have some clarity. "I think the world rankings are reflective of how

competitive world golf is at the moment."

"Nobody is the out-and-out world No. 1," he added. "I think that's partly to do with Tiger not having played quite so well this year, and partly to do with Tiger having made everybody else elevate their games. He's a victim of his own brilliance. We've all had to work harder, and we've closed the gap."

There was plenty of brilliance to go around on a mostly clear afternoon at Sheshan International, with sunshine fighting through the haze and only a mild breeze. That allowed for 51 players in the 78-man field to shoot par or better.

Molinari would not have expected to be at the top when he sent his wedge over the third green, his 12th hole, and faced a scary downhill chip. He turned bogey into birdie by chipping in, the start of four successive birdies without a bogey on his card.

"Everything seems in the right place at the moment," Molinari said.

No one should be surprised for the No. 1 player to open with a 66 in such gentle conditions, although even Westwood wasn't sure what kind of form he brought to Shanghai. Since his runner-up finish at the British Open in July, he played two rounds at the Bridgestone Invitational before pulling out with his calf injury, played four matches at the Ryder Cup and four rounds at the Dunhill Links Championship.

"I didn't really know what to expect," he said.

Nor did he feel as though he had to live up to any expectations as the new No. 1.

After knocking in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 13th, Westwood took on the 15th with a solid drive and a 6-iron to 15



Lee Westwood of Britain acknowledges the spectators during the first round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010.

feet for birdie, then watched his drive on the 288-yard 16th hole pitch 10 feet from the cup before rolling over the back of the green. His chip raced 18 feet down the slope, but he holed the birdie putt.

Westwood wasn't trying to send a message, although if anyone took it that way, it was fine by him.

"I don't think I need to reinforce why I'm No. 1 in the world," Westwood said. "I think

you get there as a result of having good performances. But it's nice to go out there and show everybody that there is a particular reason why I got to that stage."

The Asian influence in the tournament regarded as "Asia's

major" came from Yuta Ikeda of Japan, who bogeyed his last hole and shot 67, and rising South Korean star Seung-Yul Noh, who also had a 67. They were joined by Henrik Stenson, coming off his worst season and seeing some signs of progress.

For Woods, the best sign might have been picking up where he left off. This is his first stroke-play tournament since Sept. 12 at the BMW Championship, and his first competition since Oct. 3 at the Ryder Cup. That's the longest layoff since he returned to golf at the Masters, and his opening bogey was his only dropped shot of the round.

Two holes stood out for Woods.

Already 1 over for the tournament, he drove into a cluster of trees and bushes on the 15th. He figured he had no hope until caddie Steve Williams told Woods when he got to his ball, "I think we might have a shot."

The ball was behind some hedges, with sprigs sticking up around his ball. With a 4-iron, Woods played away from the sprigs, through a gap in the hedges, shaping the ball from left to right to get it just left of the green. From there, he navigated a tricky, downhill chip to about 3 feet for the most unlikely par.

"I was able to build some momentum from there," Woods said.

He birdied the next hole with a sand wedge to 2 feet, then had three straight birdies on his back nine. The most impressive came on the par-5 second hole, where he hit a 5-wood from 247 yards to 18 feet for a two-putt birdie.

"I hit a lot of good golf shots," Woods said. "I felt like I was able to control my distance well coming into the greens, and also putted really well today."

## Durant and Westbrook lead Thunder over Blazers



**PORTLAND, Ore.** (AP)—Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook both had 28 points and 11 rebounds and the Oklahoma City Thunder

rebounded from a loss the night before to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 107-106 in overtime on Thursday night.

LaMarcus Aldridge led the shorthanded Trail Blazers with 22 points, while Brandon Roy had 19.

Roy missed two key jumpers at the end of regulation and the Blazers could never catch up after the Thunder pulled ahead in overtime.

James Harden gave the Thunder a 103-100 lead in the extra period with a layup and a free throw. Andre Miller missed a layup for Portland but Roy hit two free throws with 40.7 seconds left.

Durant missed a jumper from the top of the key and the Blazers couldn't get the rebound. Nicolas Batum was forced to foul Durant, who hit two free throws with 13.7 seconds to go.

Wesley Matthews' attempted layup rested on the edge of the rim before falling away, thwarting Portland's chance at a three-point play. After his free throw, Westbrook hit two foul shots for the Thunder.

Armon Johnson hit a 3-point-er with .1 seconds left for Portland.

The Thunder struggled on Wednesday night in a 107-92 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, who held Durant to just 16 points. Before that, Oklahoma City was blown out at home by Utah.

There was a contingent of fans who wore SuperSonics jerseys, including one still bitter

about the Thunders' move from Seattle who hoisted a large sign reading: "Homeless."

Before the game Portland center Fabricio Oberto abruptly retired because of a prior cardiac condition that caused heart palpitations.

Oberto, in his sixth year in the NBA, was signed by the Blazers a day before the start of the season to help the Blazers while centers Joel Przybilla and Greg Oden heal from knee surgeries.

Oberto experienced dizziness in Portland's game against Milwaukee on Tuesday.

The Blazers also announced Thursday that rookie guard Elliot Williams would have surgery to repair a dislocated right patella and would likely miss the season.

And swingman Rudy Fernandez sat out the game with back trouble. That gave the

Blazers only 10 healthy players for the game.

The Thunder went on a 9-0 run midway through the second quarter to take a 43-38 lead, but Portland came back to go ahead 58-51 at halftime.

Aldridge hit a jumper that put the Blazers up 68-55 in the third, their biggest lead of the game.

The Thunder closed within 81-79 on Harden's jumper to start the final quarter, then tied it on Durant's fadeaway.

Serge Ibaka of the Thunder tied the game with 10.2 seconds to go, and Roy missed a long jumper—this one from just inside the arc—to send the game into overtime.

### Knicks 120, Bulls 112

At Chicago, Toney Douglas scored a career-high 30 points, and the New York Knicks made 16 of 24 3-point attempts in a victory over the Chicago Bulls.

They overcame another big effort from Chicago's Derrick Rose, who scored 24 points and had 14 assists, but he sat out the final 9:31. That didn't sit well with fans who chanted "We want Rose!" in the closing minutes as the Bulls made one final push.

Kyle Korver finished with 18 points and Luol Deng scored 17 after pouring in a career-high 40 in a win over Portland on Monday.

The Bulls were trailing by 17 points before making a run late in the third, cutting it to 10 on a 3-pointer by Deng with 28 seconds left. They were within 95-87 after a 3 by Korver early in the fourth. The Knicks responded by scoring 10 straight points with Ronny Turiaf's three-point play on a dunk with 9:31 left capping that spurt.

That's when Rose headed to the sideline, and the Bulls again chipped away at the lead but couldn't pull this one out.



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**FIRST ROUND**

Francesco Molinari	32-33-65
Lee Westwood	33-33-66
Yuta Ikeda	33-34-67
Henrik Stenson	35-32-67
Seung-yul Noh	34-33-67
Pablo Martin	34-34-68
Tiger Woods	32-36-68
Luke Donald	35-33-68
Richie Ramsay	35-34-69
Louis Oosthuizen	36-33-69
Katsumasa Miyamoto	35-34-69
Ryan Palmer	35-34-69
Phil Mickelson	34-35-69
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Adam Scott	34-35-69
Ross Fisher	36-33-69
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Carl Pettersson	36-35-71
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Buddies Bar & Grill stable-mates Jonny's Umi Shooters and Salbahe Brothers are currently ahead in their respective B Flame Tree and B Fanihi divisions of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association following last Thursday's matchups.

The visiting Umi Shooters won on the road against Gaiana B, 9-6, at Bar Gaia. The team started by winning three of the four singles 301 matches. It then swept both wild cricket games, won a partners 501 contest, and took three of the four cricket matches for the automatic victory.

The victory improved Umi Shooters' win-loss record to 129-81, a three-game advantage over Buddies' Wild Shooters. VFW Assashunz (119-91) sits in third place in the division.

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Jeralyn Castillo, three other Lady Dolphns scored in double figures. Jamie Mendoza had 13 and Mari Javier and Jeraldine Castillo chipped in 12 and 11, respectively. Ira Palero nearly joined the group when she tallied nine points.

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failed to make it to the scoreboard in the first before Melody Matson hit back-to-back goals midway in the second half.

Sam Babauta also had two goals for Independents A, breaking the ice in the first half and then finding the back of the net again a few minutes before the 25-minute playing time lapsed. Independents A's third goal was

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crime virtually stops there every time he gets in the ring.

But who would have thought that the little fighter who does things no other fighter has done could play a role in helping reelect the majority leader of the U.S. Senate?

Hard to believe anything you hear when it involves boxing, but this time promoter Bob Arum isn't just making it up.

"I think Manny has to get a lot of the credit for his help in electing Sen. (Harry) Reid," Arum said Wednesday.

Political pundits have yet to weigh in on the effect of Pacquiao's effort on behalf of Reid, a former boxer himself who survived a brutal race to beat Republican Sharon Angle in Nevada. Listen to Arum, though, and Pacquiao's appearance at a Reid rally in Las Vegas a few days before the election was crucial in energizing the city's sizable Filipino community and getting them out to vote.

Fighter. Politician. King maker. Is there anything Pacquiao can't do?



Notables of the week include a 160 High-In by Phil Fejeran of VFW's Dutty Gunz and a 112 High-Out by the Assashunz's Dean Borja.

### Assashunz 9, Dutty Gunz 6

The home team Assashunz won a pair of singles 301 matches, swept both partners 501 games and then swept all four cricket matches for the automatic victory. They added a partners baseball game to their total.

### Onagas! 9, IDK-2 6

At D'Pirates Bar & Grill, home team IDK-2 won three of the four singles 301 matches for an early lead, but the Naked Fish Onagas! won a wild cricket game and swept both partners 501 to tie it back up and then swept all four cricket matches

Southern had only one player logging double figures with Chantel Maui recording 10.

A 23-4 start was all the Lady Dolphins needed to pull away and complete their regular season sweep against the Lady Rays.

Jeralyn Castillo anchored MHS' strong start, firing 10 of her total points in the opening quarter. Palero also pulled the

courtesy of Terra Allen.

Besides Independents A and MPU A, two other teams are vying for the competitive division championship: Independents B and Paire Football Club. The two other squads entered in the competitive division will play today at 9am at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

In the recreational league, Matansa U18 topped newcomer Shirley's Coffee Shop, 6-3.

Sing, some might say. But Pacquiao proved them wrong Monday night when he and comedian Will Ferrell teamed for a surprisingly good duet of John Lennon's "Imagine" on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," despite only a brief rehearsal.

Lennon wrote the song about world peace. Pacquiao makes his living in a world of violence.

Mainstream America will learn more about him Sunday night when "60 Minutes" profiles Pacquiao. The exposure is a promoter's dream and a boost to a sport that, as usual, is in desperate need of attention.

Six days later he'll step into the ring at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas to do what everyone expects him to do—beat Antonio Margarito and win yet another title to add to his already large collection.

Score one for the ability to multitask.

"Tell the fans nothing to worry about me," Pacquiao said. "The only worry is how we can give a good fight for the people who are going to watch the fight."

That shouldn't be a problem since the only way either one

for the automatic victory. They also added a partners baseball win to their total.

### Wild Shooters 10, Get Sum 5

At The Flair, the visiting Wild Shooters took three of the four singles 301 matches to build an early lead. Then they won a wild cricket game before sweeping all four cricket matches for the automatic victory. The Wild Shooters also tacked on both a partners baseball game and the final team 1001 contest to their total.

### B FANIHI Kamote's 10, Salbahe Brothers 5

Second-running IT&E Kamote's upset division leader Salbahe Brothers, 10-5, at Buddies Bar & Grill Thursday.

Kamote's started things off by winning three of four sin-

gles 301 matches. It then took a wild cricket game, a partners 501 contest, and three cricket matches for the automatic victory. Kamote's added the final team 1001 game for good measure. Kamote's Kaysie Aquino won all six matches.

With the loss, Salbahe Brothers saw its lead in the standings go down by four games and now sports a 127-83 record. Third place Buddies' Boyz-B is also still in the conservation.

Notables include a 160 High-In by Kamote's PeeJay Naval and a 145 High-Out by Ray Cabrera of Buddies' Naughty Boyz.

Matansa U18 scored three goals apiece in the first and second half, while Shirley's made all its goals in the last 25 minutes of the match.

Elisa Fejeran had twin goals for Matansa U18, drilling one in the first half and the other in the second. Also scoring for Matansa U18 in the first half were Jacque Wonenberg and Jeralyn Castillo.

In the second half, goalie Rima Halaby moved to midfield

and scored the first goal for Matansa U18 in that period. Fejeran then got her second goal, while a certain Raylynn gave Matansa U18 its last goal in the match.

Eight teams will be battling for the recreational division championship. Joining Shirley's and Matansa U18 in the field are MP United 1 and 2, Tan Holdings, Paire, Matansa, and MHS U18.

Paire will face Matansa in today's recreational game at 10am,

last week by saying Pacquiao was having the worst training camp of his career. Then, magically, all was well. "Everything is on track now. We're 100 percent ready for this fight," Roach said. "Manny guaranteed me he won't disappoint me."

There's a good chance Pacquiao will get another private audience with President Benigno Aquino III when he returns home. By then he'll have stories to tell about his latest trip to America.

be joining Kagman, MHS, and Southern in the playoffs.

### First Game

**MHS 33** – Jeraldine Castillo 12, Johnson 6, Jeralyn Castillo 4, Gozon 2, Lumiba 2, Abrams 2.

**SSHS 10** – C. Barolo 4, Muna 4, Lizama 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 6-0, 22-2, 28-4, 33-10.

while sister teams MP United 1 and 2 will collide at 11am.

This year's futsal league is the third for Northern Mariana Islands Football Association and is open to players in the 15-and-above players. Each game is played in 25-minute halves and a five-aside match. Games are played every Monday and Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court, while Saturday matches are set for the MHS Gym.

He may even tell the president the one about how he helped reelect one of the most powerful men in America.

es, and a partners baseball game for the team victory. They went on to add the final Team 1001 match to their total.

### Top Shooters 10, No Fear 5

At home in Sande's, the Top Shooters won three singles 301 matches, a partners 501 game, three cricket matches and swept both partners baseball games for the automatic victory. They also took the final team 1001 game.

### Boyz B 12, Naughty Boyz 3

Home team Boyz B won three singles 301 matches, swept both sets of wild cricket and partners 501, and took three cricket matches to slam the door on their opponents. Boyz B added a partners baseball game and the final team 1001 match to their total.

### Second Game

**MHS 74** – Jeralyn Castillo 16, Mendoza 13, Javier 12, Jeraldine Castillo 11, Palero 9, Alegre 7, Pua 4, Santos 2.

**SSHS 34** – Maui 10, Sablan 6, Joseph 6, Elacio 4, Palacios 2, Libunan 2, Atalig 1, V. Bartolo 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-4, 43-10, 67-20, 74-34.

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**Rollers A 75** – Aulerio 28, Reyes 11, Metran 9, Basa 7, Palacios 6, DL Guerrero 5, Torres 5, Danas 4.

**Hi-5 46** – Macahito 12, Macahito 11, Atalig 7, Rollon 7, Salem 3, Brana 2, Urbano 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-9, 37-22, 57-32, 75-46.





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## Lady Dolphins near regular season sweep

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**M**arianas High School remained undefeated in the 2010-2011 MISO Girls Basketball League, following another sweep of Saipan Southern High School last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins and Lady Rays first played in the junior varsity division with the former clobbering the latter, 33-10. It was the same story in the varsity division match with MHS crushing Southern, 74-34.

It was the third straight time that the Lady Dolphins swept the Lady Rays, moving MHS a win away from sweeping the three-round robin regular season. The Lady



Dolphins will play their final game in the regular season on Monday when they face Kagman High School both in the varsity and junior varsity divisions.

In the first game, the Lady Dolphins shut out the Lady Rays in the slowly played first period to take a 6-0 lead.

After a lethargic start, MHS stepped on the pedal hard in the second period to pull away, 22-2. Jeraldine Castillo and Melody Johnson led the Dolphins' breakaway, combining for 10 points in the second period. Southern made it to the scoreboard in the second period, courtesy of Czanna Lizama.

In the second half, the Lady Dolphins continued to assert their offensive might against the Lady Rays to cruise to the 23-point win.

Castillo top-scored for the Lady Dolphins with 12 markers.

In the varsity division, it was Jeraldine's sister, Jeralyn, to lead all scorers with the latter finishing with 16 points.

Again, MHS showed more ability to create and connect on baskets against Southern in the varsity game, as besides

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Ira Palero scored nine points in the Lady Dolphins' 74-34 thrashing of the Lady Rays in the MISO girls caging last Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



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Independents A's Meaghan Hassel Shearer is sandwiched by two MP United defenders during their game in the competitive division of the 2010 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League last Monday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

## Independents, Matansa U18 win futsal debuts

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The 2010 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League opened last Monday with Independents Football Club A and

Matansa U18 prevailing in their

the curtain raiser and edged MP United A in the competitive division, 3-2.

Independents A got off to a good start, scoring three goals in the first set. MP United A

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## Pacquiao dabbling in US politics, too

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The day after the U.S. midterm election, Manny Pacquiao was talking politics. Understand-



able, since the boxing champion has a side career as a congressman in the Philippines. There's talk that one day

he might be president in his homeland. Understandable, too, if only because he's the biggest sports hero the country has ever had, so popular that

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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, right, and boxer Manny Pacquiao appear at a rally Friday, Oct. 29, 2010 in Las Vegas.



## Rollers A routs Hi-5, 75-46

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Rollers A dominated Hi-5, 75-46, in last Thursday's Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 matchup held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The win allowed Rollers A to tie Ol'Aces for second place in the U19 standings. Both teams share identical 5-2 win-loss records.

Hi-5 only has a pair of wins out of five games, but is still in position to make a run for the playoffs with a strong regular season finish.

Brandon Aulerio paced Rollers A with 10 points in the opening period and strong defense by



his teammates contained Hi-5 to only nine markers. Rollers A managed an early, 15-9, lead in the first quarter.

Rollers A then jumped ahead by 15 points, 37-22, at the half thanks largely in part by 11 more points from Aulerio. In

addition to solid defense, Rollers A controlled possession of the ball for majority of the game, which helped cap Hi-5's offense.

After the break, Rollers A trudged ahead, 57-32, heading into the last quarter. Rollers A outscored Hi-5, 20-10, in the third quarter to break their back. Hi-5 had trouble bringing the ball up the court throughout the game

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Rollers A's Brandon Aulerio takes advantage of a breakaway opportunity in last Thursday's Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League matchup versus Hi-5 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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